

Looking back at Cubby

Page 3: Obituary, page 14

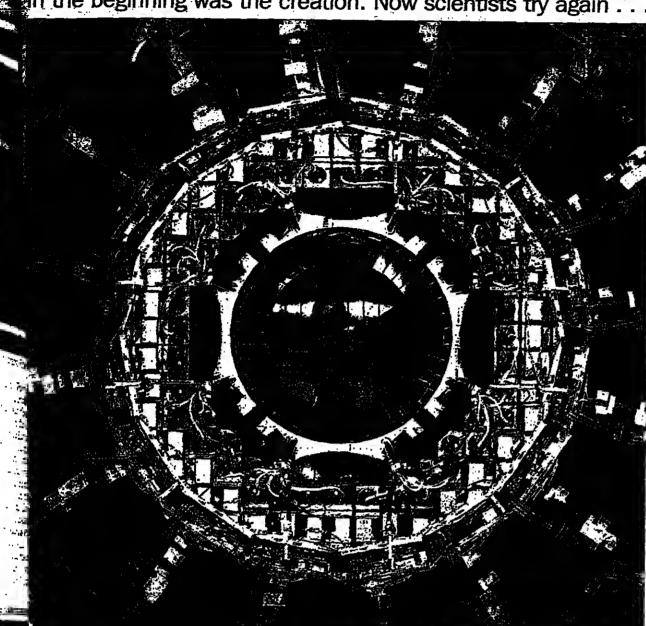


Fashion by degrees — the class of '96



departu EINDEPEND SATURDAY 29 JUNE 1996

In the beginning was the creation. Now scientists try again . .



lke those in the Big Bang, to produce subatomic particles (the yellow, green and red lines, left). accelerator (right) is 26 kilometres long and 50 metres underground.



Finally they are ready to restage the birth of time

PLES ARTHUR n Correspondent

Universe is a few days from its second Big Bang bough this one will be more odest than the first, 15 billion ars ago, which brought everying into existence. This time, couple of particles that survive r a few hillionths of a second

The repeat is scheduled for onday, and will occur about metres below the Jura othilis near Geneva, as part a series of experiments in the rticle accelerator operated by ZRN, the European labora-ry for particle physics. But instead of a whole Uni-rse, CERN's scientists will be

ppy - in fact, overjoyed - to rate some particles that have ver been observed, though y have been predicted by they for years. They hope the ex-

will produce a particle known missing links in the enormous cast of subatomic particles predicted by theory. This belongs to a class of particles known as "supersymmetrical" (because of their mathematical properties rather than their shape) and theory suggests that they play a crucial - if elusive - part in sub-

atomic physics. Discovering a chargino would be a major discovery that would reveal a new facet of nature," said Chris Llewellyn-Smith, CERN's director, yes-

However, the 400-strong team on the Large Electron-Positron Collider (LEP) must first create conditions similar to those an instant after the Big Bang - the moment when the Universe came into being. In the superhot, superdense environment that existed then, super-

calibration tests this weekend, symmetrical particles could gether strands of theoretical will produce a particle known have existed fleetingly as sepaas a "chargino" - one of the rate objects. As the Universe expanded and cooled, they became inseparable con-stituents of ordinary matter.

CERN'S LEP will recreate those early conditions by accelerating beams of electrons and their antiparticle, positrons, almost to the speed of light around the 26-kilometre accelerator buried near Geneva. The beams will be whirled in opposite directions around the accelerator, gaining energy until they are brought together in a reaction chamber, where they will annihilate each other in a pure blast of energy. Instantaneously, the energy density in the chamber will echo that one

crassing discoveries a fortnight ago: two empty Heineken beer ten-billionth of a second after the Big Bang - and so should al-low the re-creation of the particles that were able to exist then. If the "chargino" is discov-

tempted to link the four forces of nature - electrical, gravitational, the "strong" nuclear force (which holds the nuclei of atoms together) and the "weak" nuclear force (which allows particles called neutrinos to in-

"Supersymmetrical particles connect them all," said Dr Llewellyn-Smith. "It would be one of the greatest discoveries."

If it happens, it would make up for one of CERN's most em-

teract with other matter).

bottles which had reached the parts that beer should not reach. The bottles were found in the high-vacuum tube of the accelerator, after earlier calibration tests had puzzlingly produced no results at all. This, it turned ont, was because the particle beams had been absorbed by

Blair flies into a Scottish storm

ity to a conventional and conservative definition of sover-

eignty. He said his legislation

on Scotland and Wales would

include "a clear statement.

of the sovereignty of Parliament." Westminster would

merely establish "a subsidiary

assembly or parliament", By those words and by re-

visiting taxation through a ref-

erendum they must expect to

lose, Mr Blair and his advisers

have in effect subverted the

Convention and the leftish

Scottish political establish-ment it embodied. No wonder

Blair's judgement is that

the Scottish anger matters much less than blunting the at-

tack of English Conservatives.

And in the short term, it is

prohably the right tactical judgement; the retreat on

Scottish Home Rule makes

Blair seem more conservative

on the one big area where he

had before looked radical.

Never dangerous, he now

But that carries its own,

longer-term dangers. It makes it likelier that the Scottish as-

sembly will be seen as a damp squib. That failure would split

the Scottish Lahour Party, help the SNP and further

destabilise the Union. It feels,

in short, like a clever London

fix that is just a little too

looks even safer.

clever to work.

they are furious.

Chief Political Correspondent

ry Blair put the credibility of his leadership of the Labour Party on the line last night after telling Scottish activists his decision to go for a referendum on devolution was a mark of

toughness, not a betrayal.

He faced a fresh charge last night that he had reneged over a declaration signed by the cross-party Constitutional Constitutional Constitutional Constitutional Constitutional Constitutional Cons vention that sovereignty should be given to the Scottish people. The SNP and Liberal Democrats accused him of dumping that promise with a commitment in his Edinburgh speech that the devolution Bill will contain a clear statement "of the overeignty of Parliament". As Mr Blair was threatened

with a growing revolt, Jim Wal-lace, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said his assertion of Westminster parliamentary sovereignty over the Scottish people was "yet another attempt to ssure Tory Middle England".

Shell-shocked Labour supporters held back their anger, but Mr Blair's retreat from his commitment to a tax-raising parliament, in the face of a Tory onslaught over a "Tartan Tax" was seen as the biggest test he has faced since ditching Labour's Clause IV commit-

ment on public ownership.

The shifts of policy by Labour have been so great that the Tory Party leadership privately admitted last night it was having to change its own strategy for dealing with Mr Blair. It is dropping the claims that Labour has not changed and plans an offensive over allegations that Mr Blair has shown "weakness" by backing off. They claimed there would be more retreats by Mr Blair on the European Social Chapter, and the Furopean angle cur-rency. John Major said Mr Blair had "buckled at the first

whiff of grapeshot. I think this is the first of many retreats." Mr Major will discuss the Government's strategy for making the most of the uncertainty in the Labour ranks at a

special political meeting of the Cabinet on Monday. The centre-piece of Mr Ma-

jor's fight back against Mr Blair will be the Tories' charge that Labour is threatening to tear apart the union. That may

Mortgage war abates

Further dramatic evidence of

the housing market recovery emerged with the Bradford &

Bingley Building Society scrap-ping its one-year mortgage dis-

counts, and urging other banks

and societies to follow suit. It

has found that offering deep dis-

counts in the first year of up to 6 per cent - enabling customers

to enjoy a virtual "freebie" for

12 months - has proved a dou-

ble-edged sword.

was right to go for one on Scot-tish devolution. But in adding a second question, about prov-ers to tax, the Labour leader made it clear that he comes not to praise Home Rule for Scotland but to bury it. This is a momentous change in Labour policy, however dis-guised. Labour MPs are admitting privately that they do not expect that the Scots, or anyone else, would go out of their way to vote explicitly for

eferendams are a good way of allowing the people to choose di-

a tax-raising power. Is that not the whole point? On this hasis, any potentially difficult policy can be dropped simply y promising a post-electoral referendum before it is introduced. What about one for the whole UK on income tax? Yet Mr Blair has defended

the need for a tax-raising Scottish Parliament, for instance in his John Smith memorial lecture in Fehruary. Then he approvingly quoted an old Conservative briefing which said it would "impart a financial discipline as well as enabling the Assembly to innovate, establish new prior-ities and develop neglected fields." Quite right: the power to tax is what marks a proper parliament from a mere

elected contrage.

Blair store do. es not stop serted "the sourcing right of the Scottish peole is determine the form of every ment best suited to their reeds", Yesterday Blair retreated from this bold clar-

begin to pick up with for the Tories in the South, and it could be that threat which yesterday led Mr Blair to reassert the authority of Westminster. Mr Blair insisted that a ref-

erendum on the tax issue would "nail forever" the Tory lie that Labour was imposing a Tartan Tax on the people of Scotland. "I have done it because if we are not prepared to take those

tough decisions in Opposition. we will never win the trust of the people," he said.
"Better to get the hard deci-

Harvey Nicks art

In a move which could revolutionise the way art is sold io Britain, the London department store Harvey Nichols is to sell original works of art priced at under £300 Page 6

Labour pension plans The Labour Party vesterday poblished its plans for future pension policy shorn of any commitments spending. Page 2

Page 5

| Section 1 BUSINESS | Section 2 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| COMMENT | BOOKS |
| LEADING ARTICLE | LISTINGS |
| ORITUARIES | PROPERTY |
| SPORT 19-26 WEATHER 2 | TRAVEL TV & RADIO |

Corruption case reveals rot at heart of the Met

SON BENNETTO me Correspondent

e police service was rocked iterday after an officer was led for 11 years in one of the gest corruption scandals for

John Donald, 37, a former ective constable at the Metolitan Police force's Remal Crime Squad, was pricted at the Old Bailey of ag secret information which sed several investigations lapse and compromised vipolice operational units. the conviction also raises disng questions about a police which allowed a low

ranking officer to obtain confidential data with apparent ease. It was only after an investi-gation by the BBC TV's Panorama programme that the high

level corruption was exposed. Mrs Justice Heather Steel told Donald that he had "betrayed the trust of both your colleagues, superiors and the public on a massive scale.

The sentence must reflect the public concern that, as a police officer, you misused and abused your position of responsibility and trust it must not only punish you, but deter any other police officer who may be similarly tempted," she warned. The judge also jailed Donald's paymaster, Kenneth Cressey, to seven years for providing the bribes. Donald, who was described

ered, it would help to tie to-

as a top drugs officer and the backbone of his team, had been motivated by greed. He had fi-nancial problems and more than half his income was going in support for his former wife. He had also been seduced by

and envied the lifestyle enjoyed by "those who live outside the law Donald had admitted taking or agreeing to accept bribes for

information about undercover police operations. Cressey, 38, from Ditton, Kent, was convicted yesterday

for giving or offering Donald more than £60,000 for information and other help. After the case yesterday Commander Roy Clark, regional co-ordinator of the South

East Regional Crime Squad, (Sercs) said in a statement: Donald was more than corrupt, he committed acts of treachery beyond belief. He sold operational secrets to those involved in organised crime that but the lives of police officers at risk.

"By doing this he became part of the criminal underworld which the public had paid him to combat. The damage he has done to the efforts of policing and in particular to

the efforts of Sercs has been considerable."

The judge said Donald's "greatest betrayal was to offer drugs allegations and he faces to provide Cressey with information to pass on to two international criminals. Michael Lawson and Kenneth Noye", who were subjects in an Anglo-American police investigation into drug running.

The trial followed a raid in south London in September 1992 in which Cressey was arrested and a bag containing 52kg of cannabis resin was

Cressey was charged with possessing the cannabis resin with intent to supply. Although he was convicted yesterday of the corruption charges the jury failed to reach a verdict on the

a retrial on that charge.
The pair's corrupt activities included one deal when, for £10,000. Donald agreed to provide Cressey with sensitive information about two of his associates, Kenny Noye and Michael Lawson.

Catching corruption, page



The Labour leader, who was booed and heekled when he entered the hall at Edinburgh University, acknowledged he was taking a risk over a refer-endum on devolution for Wales and Scotland with a separate question for Scots voters on whether they want it to have taxraising powers. But he said risks had to be taken.

Do ca n (dea

oner's ver battoir we

rom natu lisbelief te

mard France d from further bling wreck is because

Coron dale said: w this is a r

y verdict is

atural cau

ıklin's clos

head, said

Jon't know

n't believe

uh — he n ef and had tle herder.

cattle, who

din's form

Alcuin Av

le loved h

aks and I'm

hat killed

his work w

ak it shoul

verdict if

0-per-cent

europatho Bridges, f

examir

s brain, tok

rad died fr

of the "u

be new vari

it was s

bere was no

a link be

s work in a

idges said

CID was

lving a wo

ince 1990.

conditions

He loved a

. He had an

i that he h

ed over a

iths. At fir.

e and his

He became

e and suffe

months we

and shoo

ntil he die

icholas Stre

ıry. ıklin worke

r 10 month

not involve

s are still t

whether (

y eating b

are also cor

ir workers

r risk of dev

diagnosing

i usually rec

rocess.

liscase.

Last night, the party's Scot-tish executive swung behind the leader, backing the referendum by 20 votes to 4.. John McAllion, the Labour MP who resigned as Scottish constitutional affairs spokesman, said: "This change to the policy has been imposed on the party without consultation, without debate and without the opportunity to influence or to change that decision. It is not, therefore,

Labour Party policy. "I accept that it is the role of spokesman to articulate and to promote party policy, even where they personally disagree with that policy. But I repeat -

this is not party policy."

Mr Blair offered an olive branch to Mr McAllion, saying he could rejoin the front bench or become a minister in a Labour government, Mr McAllion said he would not desert Labour for the SNP, but he angrily objected to the authoritarian style of Mr Blair's leadership.

John Prescott, the deputy leader, defended the plan for a referendum as a means of ensuring a future Tory government could not "unpick" the devolu-tion legislation, which is to be introduced in the first 12 months of Labour taking office.

Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, accused the Labour leader of a "sell out", and Mr Wallace accused Mr Blair of tearing up the Convention declaration on the sovereign right of the Scottish people.

signs taken now in Opposition and be open and honest with However, the Labour leadpeople about them than to go ership is confident that it will into Government pretending retain the support of the parliamentary party for the Scot-tish devolution policy. that the world can be delivered without those tough decisions".

LIFE'S TOO SHORT FOR LIFE INSURANCE

Virgin Direct's life insurance is easy to understand and easy to buy.

No salesmen, no commission,

no pressure.

Call us now – we can probably give you a firm price over the phone in less than ten minutes.



Open from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week

Virgin Direct Personal Financial Service Ltd is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority for life Insurance and unit trust business and represents only the Virgin Direct marketing group. Virgin Direct only markets its own products. For your security all

telephone calls to Virgin Direct will be recorded.

100 missions a day

INDEPENDENT special offer half-price 50, To the Reader Hand this voucher to the newsagent with a copy of the Independent on Sunday 30 June 1996 and pay only 50p (Home delivery

customers have until 28 July 1996 to present Please accept this vouchor as part payment for the independent on Sunday 30 June 1998 weader pays 50pt. To receive your normal your wholesaler's name and your box no and whalesaler by 31 July 1996. This voucher is

il you trave any problems, redescring your searches, please call freedome 8600 666 621

together with 1p per voucher handled, \$1623 sent to: Voucher Redemotion Ltd.

Please credit the returning retailer with 52b (R.O.I. 62b). This includes 2b rotation handling allowance per voucher. To claim your credit



RETAILER'S BOX NO.

Hand this voucher to the newsagent with a copy of The Independent on Monday 1 July 1996 and pay only 10p. (Home delivery customers have unit 28 July 1996 to cresent

To the Retailer
Please accept this voucher as part payment
for the independent on Monday 1 July 1896,
(reader pays 10p). To receive your normal return the completed voucher to your wholeseler by 31 July 1998. This voucher is WHOLESALER'S NAME Offer water in LIFE, P.C.E. Chapmet tales & late of lifen only

Please credit the returning retailer with 320 (ROI 37p) This includes 2p Relater Handling Allowance per voucher. To drain your credit remember per vouchet to clem your logether with 10 per voucher handled, send in: Voucher Redemption Ltd. 17 Orion Court, Cranea Farm Rd, Basticon, Essan: SS14 SD8. Rd: SPTM10P



Oldies line up for rock of ages

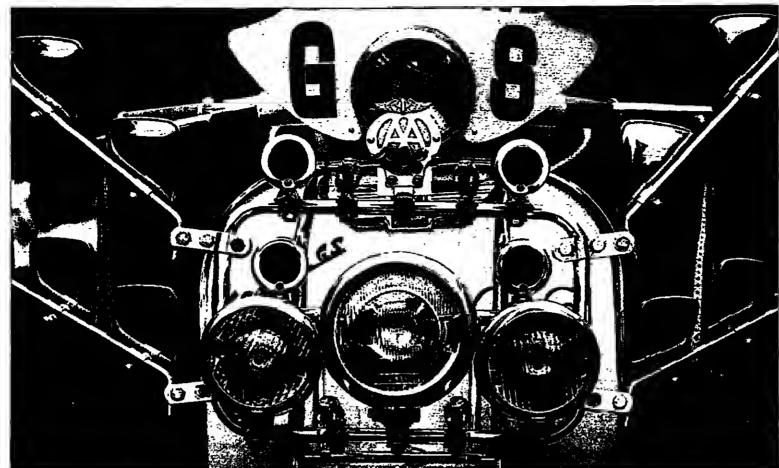
RETAILER'S BOX NO:

Old rock and rollers never die. They don't even fade away. They just retire and come back in style, writes David Lister.
Today's concert in Hyde Park
in front of 150,000 people is one of the better examples of time warp concerts. The Who (retired 1989) are re-forming for the premiere live performance of their rock opera Quadrophe-nia (composed 1973).

In one of the strongest line ups for years they are joined by Boh Dylan and Eric Clapton, and — representing more contemporary tastes - Alanis Morisette.

The concert to raise money for The Prince's Trust also features a band of unemployed young people, trained at The Prince's trust rock school for all of a week.

The price of tickets at the Mastercard sponsored gig are



Top gear: The Sixties' Vespa being used for today's performance of Quadrophenia by The Who in Hyde Park, London

Photograph: Brian Harris

The basic state pension will

remain and "at the very least"

rise in line with prices, Mr

Smith said, but Labour is refusing to say that it would rise in line with earnings. An inde-pendent body, which will in-

clude pensioners, will monitor Labour's performance, he

Labour plan angers pensioners

plans for future pension policy shorn of any firm spending commitments.

They brought an assessment from Paul Johnson, a specialist at the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies, that in terms of broad outline and firm com-mitments. Labour's policy now was "little different from the Government's".

The package brought a warning from Jack Jones. President of the National Pensioners' Convention, that a determined effort would be made at this year's Labour party conference to restore the link between pensions and earnings which Labour had promised at the last

Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, insisted Labour's plans would offer new security in retirement as the party said its "over-arching objective" was to ensure that all pensioners "share fairly in the

Labour yesterday published its increasing prosperity of the na-

Labour's package includes a wish to put in place" a new form of funded second-tier pension as an alternative both to: Government-devised rules. sic contribution with savings that SERPS, the State Earnings-Related Punsion Scheme, and

personal pensions. Employers, trade unions, in pensions and plane better resurers, investment companies turns are the midg system and friendly socieities would bid of SE. to run a limited number of wide schemes, operating under lowing people to top up thir bamulti-employer and industry-

Policy is 'little different' from Tories, says Nicholas Timmins

Labour believes that such a could be used for pensions or scheme should offer lower management colustrata personal

treatment of those is undecid-"individual shions could include

For the poorest pensioners, income support may become a "pension entitlement" with simcil tax and housing benefit

are entitled to income support but do not claim it. If completely successful, that could add around £500m to: public spending, although Mr other purposes, although tax

600,000 poorest pensioners who

records used to help identify the low wages

Smith claimed the money, in theory, was already in the Government's hudget. It will "keep under review" the idea of a guaranteed maimum pension and will consid-

SERPS for carers and those on

Conservatives peg back deficit in the polls

The Conservatives bave trimmed Labour's lead this onth in both opinion polls and the projection based on coun-cil election results – with the latest indication that it was not all down to early success for England in Euro 96.

The average opinion poll fig-ure showed Labour, with a 22.5

per cent lead, had slipped 2.5 per cent compared with May, but surveys by NOP in the Sunday Times and Mori in the Times this week show a 6 per cent drop over the month.

Weather forecast

Out and about with AA Roadwatch ப்பு **8336 481777** மேரு நடித்த தரவு தரிருக்கு சுதிரண்ட

NOON FORECAST

Annlysis by Mori suggested the Tory boost could have resulted from a "feel-less-bad" factor after England's soccer

triumphs against Holland and Spain. But the evidence from this week's council by-elections shows little sign of a plunge for Mr Major after Wednesday's

defeat by Germany A projection of 21 comparable results over the month, covering more than 30,000 votes cast, puts Labour ahead by

14.5 per cent, down from 16 per

cent in May. The figure is almost identi-cal for the seven contests that took place last Thursday - despite three Labour seat gains. The latest indicators put

chologically important 30 per

cent support nationwide.

The package was greeted as "fundamentally disappointing" by Help the Aged for its lack of firm commitments. A Tory spokesman said that Labour, in reality, planned to raise pensions in line with earnings and:

mum pension. Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said the proposals as far as they went were "perfectly sensible". But, he added, while "radically different" to Labour's 1992 manifesto Conservatives above the psycommitments - a £5 and £8 rise in pensions, and restoration of their link to earnings - "they leave not a lot of difference be-

introduce a guaranteed mini-

tween the Conservatives and Jack Jones said "Tappreciate the sincerity of Chris Smith", but when single pensioners had become £23 a week-worse off and couples £37 worse off since the earnings-link was broken in 1980 it was, he said, "essential" that the link was restored and that "some compensation" was made for that loss.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

e travellers face a second 24-hour strike next Wednesday after drivers leaders rejected a call to go to

The executive of Aslef renewed its threat to continue industrial action in pursuit of a claim for a shorter working week after turning down an invitation by management to take the dispute to the industry's wages board. Further stoppages are planned for 8 and 16 July.

Lew Adams, general secretary of the union, st id: The issue is very clear. London Underground promised a shorter working week last year and has now reneged on the deal. There is no need to arbitrate on that."

At the Royal Mail postal workers began clearing a backlog of millions of letters built up during a day-long national stoppage which ended at noon yesterday. Leaders of the Communications Workers' Union are due to resume pay and productivity negotiations on Monday. Barrie Clement

Gunnan Thomas Hamilton may have killed himself in trinalistic fashion after carrying out the massacre he had planned for months, the 23rd day of the Dunblane in the plant to the plant in the plant to the plant to

other was told yesterday.

The assessment was given by a forensic psychologist Professor David Cook, who said the way Hamilton took his own life—switching weapons to a 357-revolver, after killing 16 children and their teacher with a Browning 9mm semiautomatic pistol—had ritual overtones: I would speculate that he formed the [spicide] intention before he killed the other people." The inquiry was adjourned until next week when evidence will be heard from one more witness and lawyers will deliver their final submissions.

abour is planning an ambush to inflict a damaging definition the Government over the plans by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, for the £1.500 sale of armed forces married quarters.

Senior Labour sources confirmed that the Opposition is planning to force a vote on the issue before the recess. They will be challenging Tory dissidents to vote with Labour to defeat the plan. A defeat on a Labour motion opposing the sale would be embarrassing for the Government but would not halt the sale, which is expected to be confirmed in the next fortnight with the naming of a buyer, which could be a Japanese bank. However, the Government is also facing a second defeat over the scheme on an amendment by Baroness Parks, a Tory peer, to the Housing.
Bill in the Lords, which would put the deal off for a year to allow more consultation.

A judge was remanded on ball by magistrates at
Bow Street court, central London, yesterday charged in
connection with a 1980s mortgage fraud.
Richard Get, 55; is accused of trying to defraud building
societies and mortgage lenders of "hundreds of thousands of pounds. He sat at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court in Westminster until he was suspended last November following his arrest in connection with the fraud inquiry. A statement issued by his solicitors said: "Having fully cooperated with a seven-months investigation. Judge Gee is surprised that the Crown Prosecution Service have come to the deci-sion to prosecute him. But now that this decision has been made, he looks forward to clearing his name.

A stricten Russian cruise ship docked safety in port.

A yesterday after spending nearly 10 hours drifting in the North Sea with a Booded engine room.

The 4,264 tonne Alla Tarasova was lowed into Peterhead by two miss shortly before Jam. The ship had been on a crinise from Leith to the Chiley Islands when it rait into the chiley Islands when it rait into the north-east opast at about Jam. For much of the day, the vessel drifter without power and top rescue helicantess and three lith had stood by in case the 71 passenger and 68 hours at the 40 po arrithed to safety.

Towns in in the south east, long regarded as Britain's most prosperous region; have become the "worst-performing" relail locations, according to a new report.

Investment Property Databank, found that the worst performing rown of the 232 locations covered was Epsom in Surrey, where rental returns fell by 1.1 per cent between 1992 and 1995. Other towns at the bottom of the table are Romford (up 1.4 per cent) Watford, (up 1.7 per cent), Dorking, (2.1 per cent), and Sevenoaks, (3.6 per cent). The list is headed by St Andrews in Scotland, site of the

historic golf course, where rental values rose by 18.8 per cent over the three years to 1995. In second place was Birmingham (up 17.9 per cent), followed by Middlesbrough (17.4 per cent), and Inverness (17 per cent).

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

| AustriaSch40 | Mands PS.00 | OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| | | Air med. 13 weeks: Europe £110.76; Zone 1 (|
| CananesPts300 | Medera Esc325 | East, America, Africa and India) £184.08; Zone |
| Cypns C£1.20 | Mata 43 cents | East and Australian) £206.70. To order, place |
| | | Chaque payable to Johnsons International Media 5 |
| Histo Rep 45p | Portugal Esc325 | Union 43 Midhamous, Lorgon E14 STF or religione |
| France | Span Pts300 | 538 8288. Credit cards welcome. |
| Germany DM4.S | SwedenSkr21 | BACK ISSUES |
| Greece Dr450 | Switzerland . Str 4.00 | Back issues of the Independent are available for |
| Linembourg LF60 | USA \$3.00 | Historic Newspapers, telephone 0988 402455. |

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS Ar med. 13 weeks: Europe £110.76; Zone 1 (Middle East, America, Minca and India) £184,08; Zone 2 (Far., East and Australiana) £206.70. To order, please send United 43 Michaelous, Lorenn EL4 STF or releasons 0171. 538 8288. Credit cards welcome.

BACK ISSUES Back issues of the Independent are available from:

o.3026 Saturday 29 June When life begins? (5) Weakness (6)

Masticated (6) Whole number (7) 10 Brief (5) 11 Whip (4)

13 Avail oneself of (3) (4 Vessel (4) to Roman cloak (4) 18 Form of fuel (3) 20 State assistance (7) 21 Old king of Mercia (4) 24 Loose (5) 25 Terminal (7) 26 Gesture of greeting (6) 27 Rare gas (5)

Ceremonies (5) Exercise system (4) Areas of high temperatures (3.5) Admonition (7) Make more profound

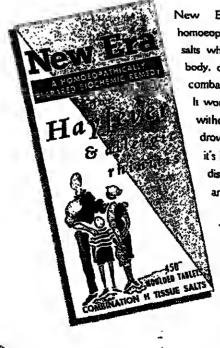
Faint indication (5) Superior (2-6) 15 Piece of luggage (4-3) Distorts (6) 18 Birds (5) 19 Big gun (6) 22 Simulate (5) 23 Breed of cat (4)

Solution to vestenday's Concise Crossword: Across: 7 Billed & Incite (Building site), 10 Thunder, 11 Rabbi, 12 Rev, 13 Eriaet, 17 Order, 18 Feta, 22 Frown, 23 Devised, 24 kei-ele, 25 Inburn, Down: 1 Abstain, 2 Albumen, 3 Heady, 4 Unfrock, 5 Limbo, 6 Denim, 9 Orangeade, (4 Wrangle, 15 Session, 16 Padding, 19 Affix, 20 Robin, 21 Event.

Notes

word latter. N. Ireland will see some exnelline and ricely light whole, but with shawers, their rain later. England end Wales will get some exnelline, but else a scattaring of light showers and a cool northwest wint. OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS: Refe will releve asst across the UK daring Sunday tolowed by sunshine, showers and a brisk weeterly wind. Monday will liken see sunshine and showers with rain to the west from the weeterly wind. Monday will liken see sunshine and showers with rain to the west from the weeterly wind. However little, but the wind will become lighter. West and wind weeterly Greight Alternative Flegaries American Flegaries American American American American Brownian fed Corn let : LIGHTING-UP TIMES AIR QUALITY 04.47 04.57 04.49 04.32 04.36 04.52 S England HIGH TIDES 13.05 Good London S England 12.6 Name of 06 gs 12 7 Wates C England N England 11.35 10.23 UD. 22 20.43

Fight Hayfever Naturally

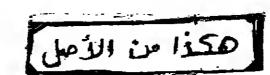


New Era Combination H uses which are naturally found in the body, called biochemic tissue salts to combas the symptoms of hayfever. It works in harmony with your body, without side-effects such as drowsiness or dryness. And. because it's in the form of tiny tablets which dissolve on the tongue, it's easy for anyone to take.

To treat your hayfever gently, safely and naturally, choose New Era Combination H.

New Era

A natural remedy for hayfever



THE INDEPENDENT - SATURDAY 29 JUNE 1996



A British class match on centre court

JAMES CUSICK

English hope and traumphalism, sunk in North London on

Wednesay night, resurfaced in South West London yesterday. After more than half a century of British famine two homegrown male players walked out on to the Centre Court at Wimbledon, their very presence making redundant the old joke "If they're British it can only be the opening day".

The differing backgrounds

of the two contestants. Tin Henman and Luke Milligan, is

a partial success for the Lawn top-ranked 50. From the privileged sur-Tennis Association's struggle In tennis terms Henman is roundings of Oxford's edite of Tottenham Hotspur and a to attempt to drag their sport out of the safety of the suburban middle classes.

One LTA official, delighted at seeing two Brits centre stage on one of the world's great showcourts, said: "They've been looking for another Fred Perry for 50 years. There's been a few Busters, the odd Jeremy, a Roger or two but no Freds." Henman, 21, as his coach

David Felgate believes, "is the genuine article". Wimbledoo 96 will take him into the world's

a pedigree prospect. His greatgrandmother Ellen Stawell-Brown was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon, last playing in the women's doubles in 1905. His grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the men's singles in 1948, 1950 and 1951. Junior Wimbledon was a regular venue for three of his children including Jane. Tin Henman's mother, herself a player re-garded as a talented young Dragon School to boarding at Reeds Public School in Cobham, Surrey as part of a tennis scholarship Henman has all the credentials of a would-be

Luke Milligan, still only 19 and ranked 278 in the world, has on the other hand the background that tennis seemed to

once ignore.

At 10 Milligan began playing the game at Our Lady of Muswell Hill School club. In-

devotee of the music of Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. To relax he plays the drums loudly. But according to Nick Imi-son of the LTA: "He came out

عبكذا من الاحل

of the blue to win the U-16 national title." Unlike Henman there is no mention of tennis in his family tree. His father Jim is a London cab driver and before this week his son's highest pay cheque was £2,000 (Henman's total is over \$300,000). Even losing in the

tionals Milligan left school to concentrate on his tennis.

The contrasting backgrounds of Henman and Milligan have stirred the memories of the elderly in tennis's inner sanc-

One said: "Remember, Fred Perry's initial fame was playing table tennis. He was the son of a northern Labour MP, not very privileged. The toffs at the All England Club didn't like him that much. Nor him them.



The man with the golden touch

STEVE BOGGAN

with

scrat back buye Bi Socie socie So fering year ablin

The man who brought Pussy Galore to the screen, gave new meaning to the word "explosion" and made gadgetry the stuff of the big hox office died yesterday, not in the violent nner of one of his cinematic bad guys, but peacefully, at his Beverly Hills home. Albert R "Cubby" Broccoli,

producer of 17 Bond films from Dr No to Goldeneye, died in his sleep after a series of heart

problems. He was 87. The film world was quick to praise a man whose titles have grossed more than \$1bn in a career spanning 58 years. Honor Blackman, who

played Pussy in Goldfinger, said of him: "He was a lovely man. He was always the gentle, kind-ly uncle of the Bond films. You dways felt you could go to Cubby about any problem and He would understand."

Broccoli himself wrote: From the first I knew Bond was forever." When Goldfinger, Broccoli and co-producer Harry Saltzman's second Bond povie, hroke all box office

'Cubby is dancing in the streets ... Harry is on the phone doing a deal

records, an associate told a calling journalist: "Cobby is dancing in the streets... Harry's on the phone doing a deal. coli split many years later, once described their relationship thus: "We have a kind of chemstry that gels. We fight with the distributors, we fight with the agents, and we fight with each

Broccoli was born in Long Island, New York, the son of Italian farming immigrants. He moved to Hollywood in 1938 after abandoning life as, first, a market gardener and, lat-

ther. We're real professionals."

er, a funeral director. His ancestors are credited with breeding the vegetable hat bears his name.

His first job was as an assis tent director in Howard Hawkes's The Outlaw at Tweneth Century Fox, but he took more control after moving to Britain in the early 1950s to set Warwick Pictures with Irving Allen. His first film as a profucer was the 1953 Red Beret, arring Alan Ladd.

Broccoli's first big break ame in 1962 when he and Saltzman persuaded United Artists to provide backing for Dr

His wife, Dana, is reported to have played no small part in the

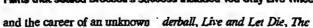
While viewing audition films, she is said to have squealed: "Take that one! He's gorgeous!"



SEAN CONNERY

S JAMES BOND





actor called Sean Connery was Say Never Again. Among the actors who have

The film was an instant success and it spawned the longestrunning sequence of action

Among them, making lan Fleming's character James

Spy Who Loved Me, and Never

played Bond are Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, George Lazenby and, most recently, Pierce Brosnan. Broccoli's company, Eon

peacefully" at his home in Beverly Hills.

A spokeswoman said he had been ill for some time. She added: "He was very much the godfather, in the hest sense of

the word, in Bond pictures. He persuaded Ian Fleming that if he were given the rights

"He was very much the father figure of the people who worked on Bond, from the superstars like Sean Connery to

the humble plasterer." Desmood Llewelyn, who has played gadget expert Q in 15 Bond films, said: "He was a

figure of the people who worked on Bond Photograph: David James/Sygma named Commandeur des Arts fantastic success of the Bond

et des Lettres by France. There are lots of stories of In 1982, he received the Irv-Cubby vetoing certain things ing G Thalberg Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has that people wanted, and people grumbling and saying, 'I'm sure we ought to do this or that', but been held by Alfred Hitchcock, Cubby said no, and of course he Cecil B de Mille and Walt Dis-

films because he was in control.

Doubt cast on CJD death

A coroner's verdict that a former abattoir worker with CJD died from natural causes met with disbelief today. Leonard Franklin, 53, dete-

riorated from full fitness into a shambling wreck in only seven months because of Creutzfelt-Jakob Disease, a York inquest heard.

But Coroner Donald Coverdale said: "I have formed the view this is a natural disease and my verdict is one of death from natural causes." Franklin's close friend, Pat

Broadhead, said afterwards: "They don't know enough to say that. The hig question of how Len caught CJD remains unan-"I don't believe it was a natural death - he really loved his

roast beef and had been an abattoir cattle herder. If it was not beef or cattle, what was it?" Franklin's former wife, Olga 52, of Alcuin Avenue, York. said: "He loved his roast beef and steaks and I'm convinced

that is what killed him, together with his work with cattle. "I think it should have been an open verdict if people were not 1,000-per-cent sure."

A neuropathologist, Dr Leslie Bridges, from Leeds General Infirmary, who carried out an examination on Franklin's brain, told the inquest that he had died from CJD. It was of the "usual form".

However, it was such a rare disease there was no statistical Franklin's work in an abattoir and the disease. Dr Bridges said that Mr Franklin's CID was the only

and not the new variant, he said.

case involving a worker in an abattoir since 1990. Mrs Broadhead told the

inquest: "He loved meat, especially beef. He had an enormous appetite."

She said that he had gradually declined over a period of seven months. At first, he lost his balance and his sense of direction. He became unable to concentrate and suffered from

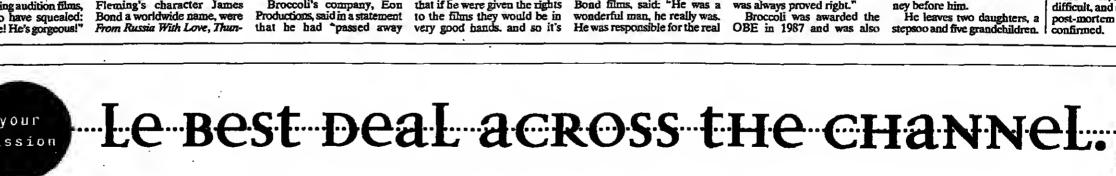
moods swings. As the months went by, he lost weight and shook uncontrollably until he died at his home in Nicholas Street, York,

last February. Mr Franklin worked at an abattoir for 10 mooths in 1989 hut he was not involved in the

slaughter process. Scientists are still trying to determine whether CID can be caught by cating beef that might have been infected with BSE. They are also concerned that abattoir workers might be at greater risk of developing

However, diagnosing CJD is difficult, and usually requires a post-mortem before it can be

the discase.





£99 Return (6 days+)

and guaranteed Lowest Duty free prices.



le Shuffle

If you find the identical Duty Free product for sale cheaper from another cross-Channel operator within 21 days from the date you purchased it from Le Shuttle we'll refund the difference. Excludes promotional prices or prices that are conditional upon making other purchases. All claims must be made within 28 days of purchase from Le Shuttle

How the corruption of a trusted policeman was caught on camera by TV programme's investigation

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

John Donald was an experienced, respected police officer with a taste for money. Kevin Cressey an ambitious south London wheeler-dealer. The combination resulted in one of the worst cases of police corruption for almost 20 years.

Donald, a detective constable, was yesterday jailed for a total of 11 years for corruption at the Old Bailey and Cressey received seven years'.
The conviction of both men

has sent shock waves through worrying questions about a system in which officers are able to obtain confidential information for their own use and manipulate the criminal justice system with apparent impunity.

Since the case involving the Metropolitan Police only came to light because of an investieation by BBC's Panorama. there are concerns that more corrupt officers may be operasing undetected. It also raises the question - would Donald still be a trusted police officer if it had not been for the media?

Donald's conviction has resulted in significant changes to the management structure of the South East Regional Crime Squad (SERCS), provoked a complete review of informer handling, the investigation of at torious East End gangster, were collapse of six cases in which he was involved.

In addition, a major investigation into the activities of two suspects, including Kenneth Nove, who is currently being sought by police for question-ing about the M25 road rage killing, has been aborted, and the national telephone tapping unit may have been compro-



Shady dealings: John Donald, who along with Kevin Cressey, were convicted after a Panorama special investigation

The Donald case, stemmed from a raid on a flat in Streatham, south London on 1 September 1992. Cressey, then 30, and David Fraser, the son of 'Mad' Frankie Fraser, the noleast eight other officers and the arrested on drugs offences,

which the men deny. The arresting officers were Detective Constable Donald. then aged 35. Alexander Leighton and Adrian Hodges, from the Drugs Wing of the Number 9 Regional Crime Squad (now part of the SERCS), based in Surbiton. Surrey. They had been tracking Cressey and his associates for six months. Their operation was

code named '009' and Cressey was known as 'India One'.

Days after the raid David Fraser, who had only recently completed a 15-year jail term for armed robbery, was bailed. He immediately fled to Spain, where he is still living. His extradition is being sought.

Cressey told police he could supply them with information in He agreed to become an informer and was, surprisingly, giv-en bail. It later emerged this was due to Donald's intervention, for which he received an £18,000 bribe from Cressey.

with Cressey as his police han-

dler, but instead of obtaining in-

formation he soon started accepting more pay-offs, including £1,000 for a copy of Cressey's police file and an agreement worth £40,000 to remove and destroy an incriminating surveil-For £1,000 Donald also

agreed to hand on information, via Cressey, to Kenneth Nove, who served eight years for his involvement in Britain's biggest robbery at a Brink's-Mat depot, and Michael Lawson, a London car dealer who was acquitted of his part in the Brink'scrime, about an Donald was assigned to work international police operation involving UK and US drug

agencies.

Cressey also paid £500 for sensitive information about surveillance on Michael Lawson. Donald was able to legitimately obtain the confidential information from another Metropolitan Police officer working at the National Crim-

inal Intelligence Service. It later emerged that Donald was also in possession of confidential information, including details of telephone taps and other material which may have compromised investigations by both

the NCIS and other police forces. A police investigation into the affair is under way, and is un-

ÖKO-FAVORIT 6040

 Super quiet design – only 45 dB – the quietest dishwasher in the world

6 programme dishwasher including Intensive

Unique BIO-wash programmes – 65°C results

Dishwasher

and Economy wash .

using only 50°C

thousands of transcribed pages of telephone taps, including some between Nove and Lawson, had leaked from the unit. But at the beginning of March 1993, Donald and Cressey's relationship soured. Cressey was charged with a serious offence and he decided to expose his corrupt new friend in

the hope of saving himself.
On 22 March he contacted the BBC's Panorama team and for the next six months they secretly recorded 14 meetings and conversations with Donald. The BBC programme "The Case of India One" was broad-

cast on 27 September 1993. It showed Cressey and Donald meeting in a car park and money passing between them in a Carrier bag.
The police only got wind of

the investigation days before it appeared on television after they were tipped off by American FBI agents. Following the programme, two officers, Detective Sergeant John Bradley from NCIS and Alexander Leighton from SERCS, were arrested and questioned by Scotland Yard's Complaints Investigation Bureau, but no cyidence was found against them.

Both are currently suspended from duty on unrelated mat-

Donald was charged with perverting the course of justice and, in November 1995 during his Old Bailey trial, at which the jury were placed under 24-hour police protection, he admitted-to four charges of corruption. Following news of Donald's

guilty plea, several people who were in jail contacted the police to claim they had been fitted up by the disgraced officer.

These allegations were investigated by the Police Complaints Authority but none of the complaints were substantiated.



Exposés that put media in vogue

JASON BENNETTO

The conviction of a corrupt police officer is a notable and increasingly rare scalp for inves-

It took a three-strong BBC Panorama team six months of ecret recording and researching to nail policeman John Donald and his paymaster, Kevin Cressey. This scale of deployment is unheard of in modern news-

paper journalism Editors rarely have the resources to spend weeks, let alone months, investigating a story which may not produce a result. They are also worried about the hefty legal costs attached to mistakenly accusing

anyone of wrongdoing. The last major police cor-ruption scandal - the massive clean-out of corrupt Scotland Yard officers in the Seventies was started by allegations about officers first published in the Times in 1969. It was about this time that the Sunday Times Insight team was exposing the

Investigative journalism became glamorous in the Seventies with Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward's Watergate revela-tions in the US, which eventually brought down President Nixon. Since then newspapers' desire and ability to produce big exposes has diminished.

aper successes, such as the revclations about the supergun sale to Iraq and the recent furore over each for questions in Parliament. And a small group of television and radio documentary makers have tak-

en up the investigators mantle.

Some investigative reporters,
such as Roger Cook, have become celebrities and programmes such as World In Action, Channel 4's Dispatches, BBC's Rough Justice and Penorama and Radio 4's fuce the Facts are still prepared to spend their time on lengthy inquiries.

However, these are exceptions. Far more common are the new-style "tabloid television" inquiries, whose so-called exposés are often little more than

a fist full of newspaper cuttings. Poorly-paid researchers employed by an ever-increasing number of television channels and companies are expected to churn out cheap and cheerful documentaries. These programmes rarely involve any detailed or new research.

The other new development is the crime re-enactment pro-gramme. The BBC's Crimewatch, and others like it, though successful in helping to catch criminals involve almost winvestigative journalism. Such shows are basically glorified police bill boards.

THE QUIETEST DISHWASHER IN THE WORLD

OKO LAVAMAT 6555 Sensorlogic Washing machine



- New unique Stain-Action programme
- Fuzzy-Logic control system for quicker wash times and lowest running costs
- 20+ wash programmes incl. Quickwash and gentie Wooi-Cradle

ÖKO LAVAMAT 6100 Washing machine



- excellent wash results with low running costs 19 wash programmes
- including Quickwash ~ and gentle Wool-

ÖKO LAVAMAT 600 Washing machine

- 17 wash programmes including Quickwash
- · Foam sensing for best rinse result **Summer Sale Price £419.99** RRP £469.99
- 800rpm spin with out-of-balance control



Unique BIO-wash programmes -SUMMER 65°C results using SALE PRICE > only 50°C £399,99,

Available from good independent electrical retailers, selected Electricity Companies and Co-op Societies, Aliders, Apollo, Bentaile, Currys, Harrods House of Fraser, John Lewis, Miller Bros, Power People, Selfridges, Tempo and other leading department stores. For your nearest outlet call 01753 872589.

Advanced Engineering from Germany

SANTO 3534KG Fridge/Freezer

- Two-compressor design for quieter and improved ellround performance Low running cost - energy
- efficiency category 'C' 6.8/4.9 cu. ft. gross capacity





compartment - no need to defrost ever egain ✓ ✓ Soft-line design SUMMER • 6.2/2.3 cu. ft. gross

£459.99 capacity



AMSTERDAM

£69

BM British Midland

or book on the internet http://www.iflybritishmidland.com Special fares available on selected duces and slights

news

. Lender scraps discounts on first mortgages

JOHN WILLCOCK

The end of cheap mortgages with massive first year inducements year was signalled this week when a leading lender scrapped its discounts and cash back schemes for first time

Bradford & Bingley Building Society urged other banks and societies to follow suit.

Societies are finding that offering deep discounts in the first year of up to 6 per cent - enabling customers to enjoy a virtual "freebie" for 12 months - has proved a double-edged

When the housing market was still struggling to recover hast year, a 5 per cent discount on the first year of a £75,000 mortgage, cutting repayments to just £100 per month, made

But now more people are moving house, the costs of discounts and cash backs of up to £9,000 are proving too expensive for societies. The Bank of England also believes that these up-front inducements have a dangerous sting in the tail. When a 5 per cent discount ends on a £75,000 mortgage, payments in the second year almost triple to nearly £300 per month.

Woolwich - discount of 5.41 per cent up to 80 per cent of price for first-time buyers.

Abbey National - 2 per cent.

off on variable rate plus 3 per Principality - 1 per cent antil next July on loans up to 90

cent cash back.

Bristol & West - 0.95 per cent rate antil 30 June 1997 on Der cent.

The Bank believes many customers will be unprepared for the jump in payments and repossessions will follow. Bradford & Bingley says it is following advice from the Bank of England, which warned on Thursday that lenders were

falling into "some of the traps of the past" by not checking suf-ficiently that borrowers could afford repayments. The housing market is showing the best growth since the col-lapse of the 1980s boom, with prices rising by around 5 per cent a year. Mortgage lending by major British banks rose 21 per cent to £2.3bn in May as a

sociation said. John Wrigglesworth, director of strategy and communications at the Bradford & Bing-

result of an increase in house

sales, the British Bankers' As-

loans up to 90 per cent of price.

E Hinckley & Rugby. - neithing for nine mouths then standard variable rate.

per cent of price.

Scarborough - 0.75 per cent for first year for loans up to 70

ley, said the society scrapped its first year discounts because "we felt we had to take a lead. These discounts are luring customers into a false sense of security. They get a freebie in the first year and then get whacked in the second year. If general interest rates go up as well, they will be really stuffed."

Mr. Heinglesworth expects

Mr Wrigglesworth expects other building societies like the Nationwide and the Yorkshire to follow suit. He says societies should offer discounts spread over three to five years.

Analyst Rod Thomas of UBS expects the mortgage market to polarise between societies, which will offer cheaper rates to all their borrowers, and the banks, which will continue to offer inducements to first time buyers while charging existing



Football memorabilia, including photographs of the 1966 World Cup squad Nat Lofthouse and Sir Stanley Matthews signed by the players, which will be auctioned at Saffron Walden auction rooms next week

Photograph: Brian Harns

Modahl draws first blood in compensation attempt

JOJO MOYES

Diane Modahl yesterday fought off a High Court attempt by the British Athletic Federation to hlock her damages action. launched after she was cleared of drug-taking allegations. She will now proceed with her £480,000 compensation claim

for costs incurred in challenging a four-year ban imposed by the BAF, after tests carried out in Lisbon in 1994 suggested she had unnaturally high levels of testosterone in her body. The 30-year-old runner, who

was at the High Court with her husband and coach Vicente yesterday, said afterwards she was

"absolutely delighted" with the result. right to Olympic selection two weeks ago, added: "This has not

"It's very important for us to pursue this claim because I have done absolutely nothing wrong. The BAF have obviously forgotten that... and it's important that natural justice is actually done," she said. Mrs Modahl, who won the

been an ideal way to prepare for the Olympics and Atlanta is now just weeks away. I want to fix my mind on that. The longer this case goes on the more stressful it is for me and my family."

The four-year ban was eventually lifted by an appeal tribunal and the International Athletic Federation, after experts east doubts on the accuracy of the tests. New tests showed that bac-The athlete, who is legally aidterial levels in urine could affect testosterone measurements. ed, was told that the costs of to-

at the full trial in the autumn.

Norway walks out over demand to end whaling

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Norway's delegation walked out of the International Whaling Commission meeting in Aberdeen yesterday when a motion demanding that it cease commercial whating immedi-

itely was debated.
"We wanted to put down a marker," said the country's commissioner to the TWC, Kare Bryn, after leading the walk out of his delegation. "We're annoyed at the practice of making these 'We hate Norway'

10 years ago. It used its right under international law to make summer 31 boats harpooned bout 400 minke whales in the orth-east Atlantic.

Britain, France and the US wrote yesterday's critical resolution. It was passed with 18 ta poses no threat to it.

NOKIA NEW GSM MODEL 1610.

Up to 100 hrs standby-time Up to 3.5 hrs talk-time
45 name/number memor

£35.25 (£38+VAT)

11.75p per min (18p+VAT)

Peat Ante Calls 35.25p per min (39p + VAI)

Southly Restar £17.63 (£15+VET)

stored on SIM

Fight Hayle

votes in favour and seven against. Mr Bryn left one member of his delegation in the meeting room to vote against the resolution. Afterwards, he made it clear that Norway would ignore the vote, carry on whaling but remain within the IWC.

"There is a debate in Norway about whether we should pull out of the IWC," he said. But the commission was founded 50 years ago to promote the rational exploitation of whale stocks, and Norway was determined to bring it back to its true

Mr Bryn said that despite his Norway defies the IWC's walk-out, Norway had found the moratorium on commercial Aberdeen meeting the most conwhaling, which came into effect structive it had attended in more than a decade. The IWC had accepted an estimate of 118,000 a formal objection, and this minke whales in the north-east Atlantic-far more than had pre-

viously been thought. Norway says this is a healthy, growing and unendangered population and its hunting quo-

New digital Nokia. 100 hours of power!

The meeting also passed a vote condemning Japan's "scientific" whaling, which killed 540 minkes, the smallest of the great whales, in the Antarctic and north Pacific in the past year.

Japan formally adheres to the moratorium, but exploits a loophole which allows whales to be killed for scientific research. The meat ends up being traded and eaten in Japan.

Since the late 1970s a ma-jority of IWC member states have been anti-whaling.

James Martin Jones of the World Wide Fund for Nature said: "We are more and more worried at the way in which Japan and Norway are getting round the moratorium and killing an increasing number of

The whaling ambitions of a tribe of North American Indians also suffered a sethack yes terday, when the Makah from Washington State shelved its request to catch five Pacific grey

Cellphone

ONE SECOND BELLING - you only pay

MORE POWER - up to 100 hours standby-time, up to 3.5 hours talk-

BEST COVERAGE - with digital

LIMITED OFFER

£4.99

GUARANTEEL PEACE OF MINIL Your phone is covered by our 14 days no quibble money back promise.

for the airtime you use

call clanty and security FREE ACCESSORIES - In-car

It takes a special kind of insurance company to rise to the challenge of the special needs of disabled drivers. So how did Motability, the charity that supplies cars to the disabled, choose who to cover all 250,000 of their vehicles (the largest fleet contract in Europe), not to

mention their own very special requirements?

They needed an insurance company who had highly sophisticated telecom technology. But also people who could deal with the special problems of disabled drivers in a sympathetic way over the phone. Which was far less straightforward.

"The way the local workforce had adapted to dealing direct gave us the confidence to look at

opportunities such as Motability." Telecommunications technology? That was easy.

Merseyside has just about the most advanced system in Europe, and with the telecom-trained staff to go with it. But it was the staff of the Royal Insurance that tipped

Every staff member on the Motability project went on a disability awareness course (which included negotiating Liverpool City Centre in a wheelchair!) to give them the right level of understanding when talking directly on the

phone to a disabled claimant, co-ordinating things like

garage repairs and emergency transport.

the balance. Not just their skills, but their attitude.

" For Motability, fully comprehensive meant more than just policy cover it meant handling the special needs of disabled drivers. Our Merseyside staff rose to that challenge."

Adaptability and enthusiasm have been the watchwords of Merseyside for a generation. The clerical skills developed by companies like Floyal Insurance and Littlewoods 20 years ago are now the telephone skills of today's generation using state of the

And look at some of the other companies investing on Merseyside- Kodak, Ford, Barclays and oit and gas exploration company, BHP.

they're here for the low operational costs, site availability, grants and assistance, training and two world class Universities

difference was the people.

WHAT HE

ATTITUDE TONY WALKLING HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER, ROYAL INSURANCE

THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF

Of course they're here for the technology. Of course

But in the end what makes Merseyside truly unique is the element that swayed Motability. The premium

ORDER NOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT OFTAILS FOR FREE DELIVERY IN 4 WORKING DAYS 0500 000 888

A'pool of talent

JASON BENN ರ∵⇔ Correst≀

John Donald was vesterally caked seven y

consuptionaice ing underwies entestion - win South East

enced, respects with a taste to Crassas into Tondon whee ormanium L the word case raption for alm Denaid a de of 11 years for Old Bailes a The comic!

has sent shock the police set with and docs. sent at which o postini confide for their own Late the crimin with apparent Note: The ca Menopolitan to light recat gation by B! there are em-

a trustee polinot been for Donald's c subcd in sign the managem Squad (SER complete for handling, the cost cient etl CONTRACTOR OF THE was involved In additio gation into ti anspects in Nije, who sought by Pe ing about th

the national

unit may he

miscul.

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

The Sloane Street department store Harvey Nichols is to pioneer what it believes is an ahsolutely fahulous idea for revolutionising the way art is sold in Britain.

Plans are being drawn up for an "art supermarket" - to be sit-ed oo the lifth floor near the restaurant and food hall - offering more than 3,000 original works of art at under £3tht.

The concept is borrowed from Spain, where ooe of Barcelooa's most stylish department stores, Vincon, has run a flourishing art supermar-ket for six years in a refined twist on the stack 'em high, sell 'em cheap principle.

Such is the speed and size of turnover of the paintings that the prices they sell for in galleries can be halved.

Harvey Nichols - hrought into popular consciousness as the tayourite haunt of Edina and Patsy in the BBC sitcom. 4hsolucly Fabulous - opens its artmart on a trial basis on 18 September, and it will keep it open until the end of October.

The works, unframed to keep prices down, will be in racks, and customers will be able to leaf through them and take their selections to the till just as in poster shops.

The scheme is the brainchild of James West, a former Reuters executive, who runs an art gallery from his home in Islington, north London. He was struck by the success of the Spanish art supermarkets, which have gone from selling 300 paintings a year to 8,000 since the late 1980s.

His aim is to reduce the GOD - Girl On Desk - factor. by which people are put off browsing round galleries by the forhidding nature of the staff and decor. "There seems to be a hang up

sometimes about the way we approach art. No one has a prob-lem about going to see a film and having an opinion about it. But we put obstacles in the way by the rather cold and frigid way we sell art," Mr West says.

After discussions with organisers of the Spanish supermarkets, he wrote a report detailing how the concept could work in Britain and sent it to the

Saatchis, Sir Terence Conran, Richard Branson and Harvey Nichols

Harvey Nichols took up the idea enthusiastically. "Not only is it a wonderful opportunity for people to purchase really good works of art at extremely good prices, but also a wonderful, quirky and fun way of presenting art," says Mary Portas, the

store's marketing director.

The Harvey Nichols art supermarket will feature 50 artists from nine European countries. Although none is likely to be known to the geoeral public, they are almost entirely well established, with gallery representation and at least five years' experience.

I don't see why this shouldn't become the normal mode by which people buy art," says Mr West.

There are an awful lot of professionals out there for whom the idea of huying a painting for £600 to £1,000 is not really realistic. But once you of-fer it at the £100 to £300 level. it's the cost of a suit or a weekend away, and maybe 50 per cent of Londoners can afford it



- instead of just 5 per coot." | Coming home: Verrio's portrait of Charles II, which is returning to St George's Hall after 165 years Photograph: Tony Buckingham

sor Castle where it started life in the 17th century.

stag' unit.y

r lessain-

 $\mathrm{folled}^{-\mathrm{opt}^{-\mathrm{opt}}}$

 $cumbung_{\mu_{1},\mu_{2},\mu_{3}}$

promoter in

non need W. B

Received.

company to the con-

the Company of the

Russian ici.

talancal acto

a united to of

The endorse

March September

Smed 19 M

the mesterior

cellus times (1)

Medical v

that nothers.

the president. Journal and but s

concernitor conse

potent house in men such to Year

alar entratula-

released where

cludes takens

cosmethy design

morgas 11

extraorem a notal de

psychic batt

portant life.

he foreast a Y

chown who is

fered these w

a deletioner

"Nothing 323

RUPERT CORNWILL Washinger:

If was big enough it.

trial for a s

Yesterda alba

- the arrest + 12

more than the con-

accounts to the

most father at Dallas i culton

The brane, March when Inly loand in a L.v. with two forms of the and generous species is came and many . anested and declared offences carriers of

In juit, and toloring ρ a much community of the

ա հուտարի ու էլ, ու բ

with may not

spearing magnetic and

Hitman'

Cowboy

trial into

most adam of a

You Nation

Liverch

However, the Royal Collection's description of the Antonio Verrio oil-on-plaster portrait as "a most significant acquisition" was immediately challenged by the art critic Brian Sewell, who said: "Its only claim to fame is that it survived. Verrio was one of a tribe of dreary Italian and French artists who came over because they couldn't get work ... There has been no serious collector for the Royal Collection since Albert, the Prince Consort, and now the Queen has paid for this thing." A spokesman for the Royal Trust dismissed Mr Sewell's "cynical" comments. "At the end of the day, it is something that was in St George's Hall prior to the reign of George IV and it." will go back there ooce the reconstruction from the 1992 fire is complete."

The painting was hrought back to Britain by portraiting specialist Philip Mould, who paid £8,000 at the Dorotheum auctioo house in Vienna, £7,000 over estimate. The Queen bought it for an undisclosed sum, but dealers believe its value might be as much as £300,000.

Day in the strife of TV ratings battle

Daytime television may or may not be stupidvision. It is certainly hattlevision, with some nifty poaching of talent

taking place.
American-born Julia Foote LeStage has jumped ship from Channel 5 - where she has been heading Thames Television's development team for the new channel - to join Channel 4 as deputy to daytime com-missioning editor Fiona Chesterton, whose curriculum vitae includes the first television interview with the Sex Pistols. John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes says: "We need to compete more effec-tively, and distinctly, across the whole of daytime."

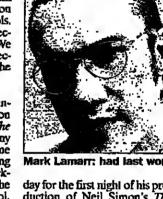
Mark Lamarr, who has undergone a transformation from irritating presenter of The Word to a surprisingly funny stand-up comedian, has come up with a novel way of dealing with a heckler. When said heckler walked out of his show at the Neptune Theatre, Liverpool, saying he would rather watch he comic at the Everyman, Lamarr marched out his entire audience to pursue him. The 100-strong crowd followed Lamarr through the Liverpool streets as he continued his routine en route to the Everyman, Artspeople with David Lister

live performance that television could not replicate.

Bill Kenwright, West End producer and football fan clearly didn't check his diary when he booked last Wednes



day for the first night of his production of Neil Simon's The Odd Couple. clashing with England v Germany, Kenwrigh tells me he got round the problem by "putting a television set in every orifice". Down the road, the football-mad cast of Twelve Angry Men were grateful the play was only 2 hours 10 minutes long, and finished just





Over 700 shops nationwide

WELL HELP Y NTO YOUR NEW HOME, BUT WE

NO REPAYMENT FEE MORTGAGE.

5.99% 6.3% APR

(17) discount off our variable mortgage base rate, guaranteed until 30,09,99.)

We've introduced a deal which gives you a 1% discount off our variable mortgage base rate for 3 years.

And there's even better news.

If you find your circumstances alter sometime in the future, you'll be able to change your mortgage or even pay all or part of it off, without incurring any penalty.

It's just one of a wide range of options that makes the Halifax the right place to make your move.

For more details, call into your local branch or phone us free on 0800 10 II 10 for an information pack.

The advantage of our new mortgage deal is that we'll leave the door open for you.



Get a little extra help. http://www.halifax.co.uk

PROBLEM LANDER BY LANDER B

the Dallas polici to poented to great Honever, M. II... participation in the 11. most uncertain (%, 1%, 1). he was himsely to the cused of paying section . to an undergon proper. tederal Drug Potential Amistration is the coon a contract on join According to a Leave spokesman, M. (1.) handed were the same meeting with the late of posing as the late of parking local at late of the la He promised [. . . sum after the north Willied "Iteration of the The reservation The spokesman are indication of Militi earth 0158

We need friends because wh there's not always a government

Russia's luvvies stage show of unity for Yeltsin

मंत्री १.६००

Clowns, wizards, actors, pop stars and Russia's equivalent of Boh Monkhouse are being rolled ont by Boris Yeltsin's campaign team in a final effort to ensure the president's re-election next Wednesday.

To cries of "foul" from the camp of Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist challenger, the Russian television and entertainment industry is presenting a united front sending out the message: "Vote for Boris Niko-layevich."

The endorsements from Russia's best-loved havies are well-fined, for Mr Yeltsin himself as mysteriously dropped out of sight since last Wednesday, cancelling three campaign trips. His press spokesman, Sergei Medvedev, assured reporters that oothing was amiss, saying the president was "in good and had merely lost his

voice after a hectic schedule. In Mr Yeltsin's absence, the job of inring voters has fallen to men such as Yuri Longo, a pop-ular entertainer and self-styled wizard whose bag of tricks includes televised seances and raising the dead from a Moscow morgue. The election is a huge psychic battle for him and this extra-sensory help is very important," the wizard opined, as he forecast a Yeltsin victory.

Yuri Nikulin, a 75-year-old clown who is one of Russia's most admired circus acts, offered these words of support in television advertisement: a television advertisement: "Nothing human is alieo to

him, and that wins my favour." Recalling that Bill Clinton plays the saxophone and that Mr Yeltsin, perhaps the worse for a tipple or two, once seized a conductor's baton and gesticulated at a military band in Berlin, the clown commented: "Clinton plays sax and our president conducts. I think it's better to be a conductor."

Leonid Yakubovich, the Monkhouse-like host of a television game show called Field of Miracles, has joined the Yeltsin bandwagon. Together with a fa-miliar face from Russian telerision on Sunday mornings, Yuri Nikolayev, he took off he took off from a Moscow airport last Thursday in an aircraft covered in banners proclaiming Yeltsin is Our President".

In an extravaganza funded largely by a pro-Yeltsin advertising agency, Premier SV, the two television personalities are flying to five cities in the runup to election day and putting on shows for free. They realise the importance of the current situation," said a Premier SV spokesman, Konstantin Likutov.

In a country where millions are absorbed with star-gazing and the paranormal, something would be wrong if the Yeltsin team had not secured the thumbs-up from a leading as-trologer. One Pavel Globa, who has publicly predicted a Yeltsin victory "by a few hundred votes" and says that this year's alignment of stars resembles that of 1612-13, wheo Russia emerged from its politically turbulent Time of Troubles.

on Wednesday, Mr Yehsin's strategists are encouraging the anti-Communist youth vote with the slogan "vote or lose".

Endorsements have also flowed in from a more conservative sector of Russian society the Cossacks. With memories still sharp of the persecution they suffered under Soviet Communism, there was little doubt the Cossacks would avoid

Mr Zyuganov like the plague.
The unashamedly pro-Yeltsin line taken by Russian state television and most newspapers caused Mr Zyuganov to lodge a complaint last Wednesday with the Central Election Commission about unfair media access. He also challenged Mr Yeltsin to a televised debate, a proposal that the president brushed aside by saying he would not talk with well-fed party demagognes

"nomenciature has-beens"



A cyclist in 's Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, being passed by members of the Once after they had taken their medical check-up yesterday on the eve of the Tour de France. Race preview: sport, page 20

THE FIRST WORK OF ART

DESIGNED BY AN ACCOUNTANT.

'Hitman' throws Cowboy drugs *trial into chaos

RUPERT CORNWELL

sporting megastar was sent to trial for cocaine possessioo. Yesterday that trial opened with an even greater bombshell the arrest of a police officer involved in the case for hiring a hitman to kill Michael Irvin, ace wide receiver of America's most famous football team, the

Dallas Cowboys.

The bizarre tale began last March when Irvin was allegedly found in a Texas motel room with two former topless dancers and generous quantities of co-caine and marijuana. He was arrested and charged with drug offences carrying up to 20 years in jail, and Johanie Hernandez, a much-commended member of the Dallas police force, was sub-

poenaed to give evidence. However, Mr Hernandez' participation in the trial is now most uncertain. On Thursday, he was himself arrested and accused of paying \$5,000 (£3,500) to an undercover agent of the federal Drug Enforcement Adistration as a downpayment

on a contract on Irvin's life. According to a Dallas police spokesman, Mr Hernandez handed over the money at a meeting with the DEA officer, posing as the hitman, in the parking lot of a shopping mall. He promised to pay a further sum after the murder, which he

vanted "to occur very soon". The rest remains a mystery. The spokesman would give no

Whatever Mr Hernandez's involvement, the stunning turn of events makes it even less likely the Irvin trial will go ahead on time. Even before, his fame was holding up jury selection, as half the prospective jurors identified themselves as Cowboys fans and one said her daughter was "infatuated" with Irvin.

More ominous, perhaps, is the presence of the DEA. Over

If convicted, Irvin, 30, could he sent to prison for up to 20 years. "I don't have anything to say," he said on Thursday evening, accompanied by five bodyguards. But his colleague, the Cowboy's legendary running back, Emmitt Smith, said: "It makes you think about things ... No matter how tight the security, they got JFK, and they got Bobby Kennedy too." The for-

resigned from the force after being charged with solicitation of capital murder, he faces a maximum of 99 years behind bars.

alleged motive. He is understood to have been scheduled as a defence witness, to testify Angela Renee Beck, one of the

dancers.

the last few years, in which Irvin helped the Cowboys to win three out of four Superbowls between 1993 and 1996, several players have been in trouble for drug and alcohol abuse and for mistreating women. That a federal agency is pursuing the Irvin case suggests the DEA sus-pects an organised drug-dealing scheme for star players.

mer of course in Dallas.

As for Mr Hernandez, who indication of Mr Hernandez'





We need friends because where there's smoke there's not always a government health warning.

0345 346 347



lity. Applies to Secont 1.8 and 1.6 LX models only registered between 1/6/96 and 3 1/6/96. "On the road price based on manufacturers recommended recall price at the or where and cost of Sud. of under charges may be made subject to missage and condition if the vehicle is returned before the end of the Brance agreement or if the or where and cost of Sud. of under the end of the Brance agreement or if the order and indovention may be required. Finance is provided subject to status to over 18s only. Certain or idad retall price at the time of going to press, VAT at 17.5% and £615 covering delivery charges, 12 months rood agreement or if the opporal final purchase payment is not made. Written quotations are available upon request Carrest Carrest

cal

When the original agreement was signed, 1997 seemed far, far away. Ninety-nine years was another way of saying "for ever and a day". In 1898, the signatories perhaps assumed that the British empire, eternally strong, would one day simply renew the lease. Perhaps, the end of the 20th century merely seemed too unreal to contemplate. Now, however, the chips are being called in. A year from this weekend, the bizarre "yours today, ours tomorrow" deal finally comes to an end. The Union flag comes down in Hong Kong. China takes over Hong Kong once more, at midnight on

> which only now is becoming real. Until 20 years ago, little thought was given to the loom-ing date. Indeed, Margaret Thatcher hoped, when the problem was set before her, that there was some way she could renege on the deal. She was shocked to learn that there was not.

In 1984, a sort-of agreement was reached on the future of the colony. Only recently has the pace of change suddenly speed-ed up as the final handover approaches. On Tiananmen Square in Peking, a clock counts down the seconds till Hong Kong once more becomes a part of China. For the mainland Chinese – including many who are otherwise critical of the regime - that will be a moment of pure celebration. For the Hong Kongers, feelings will be

Last year of British rule begins this weekend, writes Steve Crawshaw

Kong's future will be how many are still ready to publicly protest

Liberation Army moves in.

Many Hong Kongers will not

be especially sad to see the British go. The colonial pres-

ence is. after all, a pure anachronism in one of the most

modern cities in the world.

None the less, the fears of

mainland China are real. Those

fears are not just straight-forwardly political. Over the

years, Hong Kong has brought

corruption under control. Now,

all but the most diehard opti-

mists believe that corruption will

increase after July 1997. Indeed.

many argue that the corruption

which is widespread on the

mainland is beginning to make

The media, too, have begun

to muzzle themselves, in re-

sponse to veiled - and naked -

threats from Peking. On the one hand, the media will be entirely

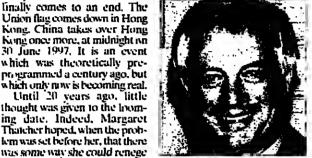
free, says Peking. On the other

itself felt in Hong Kong.

China looks forward

to levelling the score

The British, meanwhile, have become almost irrelevant. Chris Patten, the last Governor. counts out his days in Government House. But his trips abroad are now more important than his statements at home in Hong Kong, or his (lack of) conversations with Peking.



Chris Patten: Counts his days in Government House

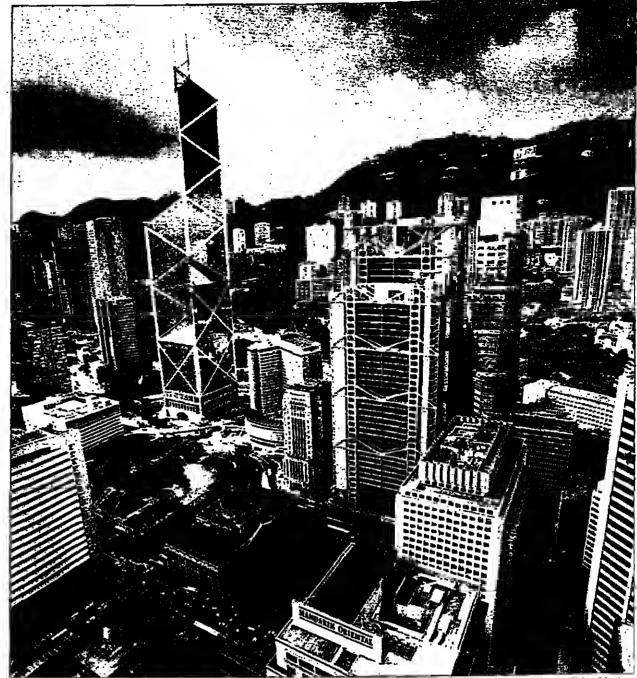
Before the Tiananmen massacre of 1989, the return to China seemed to many Hong Kongers to be a not entirely shocking option. China was opening up, and Hong Kong had been guaranteed that the new deal would provide for "one country, two systems" (this time, with a 50-year time bomb at-tached; in 2047, the two-systems deal officially runs out). But when the tanks moved down the pro-democracy demonstrators

tain topics. Faced with such unhappy contradictions, some Hong Kong journalists have concluded that there is little point continuing in their chosen profession after I July next year. went out on the streets to protest at Peking's actions.

HONG KONG: FINAL COUNTDOWN

In some contexts, con-Partly, these were protests in solfrontation has given way to control as China begins to feel idarity. Partly, they were protests showing concern for Hong comfortable in the role of Kong's own future. On the master-in-waiting. For years, Tiananmen anniversary this month, tens of thousands again plans for Hong Kong's new airport were delayed by bitter demonstrated. Come 1997, the arguments. Now, the tone bas very act of going on to the streets will itself be an act of dechanged: Chinese visitors conduct regular inspections to fiance. A key indicator of Hong crack the whip. Peking has begun to regard the airport project as its own: ergo, it must be in the weeks before the People's finished fast. The majority of Hong Kong

businessmen remain friendly to Peking, on the assumption that Peking will be kind to those who make money. Meanwhile, however, the electoral success of the outspoken Democrats, who have been sharply critical of Peking's policies, suggests that ordinary Hong Kongers are not necessarily as indifferent to politics as they are sometimes portrayed. China is determined to freeze the Democrats ont of the political. But the policy could yet backfire. If Hong Kongers do protest pub-licly that might set a dangerously subversive example. If the mainlanders were ever to follow the Hong Kongers' example of going out on the street, then the authorities in Peking might rue the day that they ever pressed for the honouring of the impe-



Sky high: Hong Kong businessmen remain on friendly terms with Peking on the assumption that Peking will be kind to those who make money, but many are worried about the spread of corruption from the mainland Photograph; John Voos

Britain takes down its symbols and packs up its secrets

Hong Kong

When the Union flag is hauled down from Government House, just before the stroke of midnight on 30 June 1997, Britain will have had an unprecedented 13 years to plan its exit from the last remaining major colonial possession.

Most of this time has been

taken up with issues which do

sweep the premises clean of incriminating material.

Hardly surprisingly, one of the first really big pieces of hardware to leave was the Asian cousin of the GCHQ electronic surveillance network located on the southern tip of Hong Kong island. In similar fashion. large cases of sensitive Special Branch and intelligence files are. already ensconced in London.

The senior local officers who not touch on the withdrawalt, compiled these files are armed leaving an inevitable last-minute with full British passports and scramble to pack the boxes and can leave at the first sign of trou-

ble. However, the removal of items marked "Top Secret" is the tip of the iceberg. The transfer of sovereignty

requires far more extensive cosmetic and substantial change, most of which will be completed after 1997. At the cosmetic level there is much work to be done to remove British symbols and the royal insignia from everything ranging from stamps and letter boxes to courtrooms and police

uniforms. More substantively, there is

the Herculean task of translating the law into Chinese, of changing the school curriculum to accommodate the incoming sovereign power's view of history and of furnishing the population with new travel doc-

In practically all spheres of life changes will have to be made, and as matters stand it "destined for independence but seems that only the Royal So-ciety for the Protection of Animals and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club intend to cling tenaciously to their existing, and po- to temper its anger against head of government, to be

litically incorrect, titles. As there has never been such a long period of planning for the end period of colonial rule it may be assumed that matters which were not resolved in other colonies prior to independence would have been settled in Hong

However, Hong Kong is not incorporation into China, and China has yet to shed its distrust of the 6.4 million people it is about to acquire and it refuses

For these reasons China is busy establishing an alternative political structure explicitly designed to marginalise the outgoing administration and to bar supporters of the democracy movement from having a say in

government The already isolated Governor, Chris Patten, will find his isolation deepen later in the year when Hong Kong's new

called the Chief Executive, is be to shut down the existing "elected" by a 400-strong com-

mittee hand-picked in Peking. Candidates for the post are hard to identify because only one serious contender has declared himself to be in the running. The apparent front runner, the shipping tycoon lung Che-hwa, is said to be hav-

ing cold feet about the job. It is also likely that China will establish a parallel legislature in the near future which will start enacting legislation ready for the takeover. One of its first acts will in mind.

semi-democratically elected Legislative Council.
In Whitehall discussions are make the comment

opplier, active

np above.

the relations of Taules in a On the C

san ber

hope that is

Hore Is ≃

<u>ከው የአካፈታቸ</u> እ

kakrbii i

Согонная з 1944

Monda altri i

meruj A. 🤄

thought that

restable paints.

for the learn

Anns (FL v.

glericals, me.

Break

TOTAL

torecrio,

over such today

under way about whether the roval vacht Britannia can be kept affoat to take the Governor out. of the colony with his small entourage and, most probably, the Prince of Wales.

Britain wants a full blown leaving ceremony with all me paraphernalia of a departing sovereign power while China has something far more modest





Numerous functions including alarm, diany phone and address book

HIGH-POWERED WP

and reports anywhen SUPERB SPREADSHEET

SPELLCHECKER 100,000 words plus Thesourus

Integrated full spreadsheet

colculator and graphing functions.

DATABASE

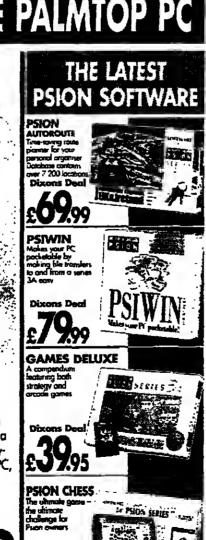
Create your own specialised database

Ideal for performing desktop PC functions wherever you are, this brilliantly versatile pocket-size computer packs a huge 2Mb memory, generous size keyboard, large easy-read screen and fast processor. Linkable to your office PC, printer and fax via optional extras.

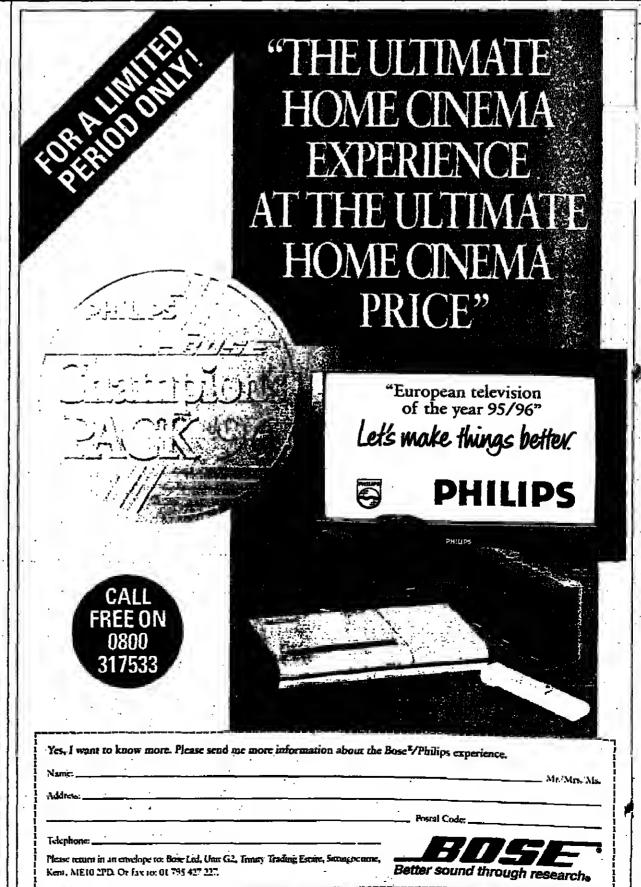
PSION SERIES 3A

Dixons

2Mb PALMTOP PC



There's a great deal going on



صكنا من الاعل

D

Sen

ÖK

THE INDEPENDENT SATURDAY JUNE 1996

HONG KONG: PINAL COUNTDOWN

Nationalist call is trump card in patriot game

The manner in which China's leadership plans to mark 1997 on the mainland reveals the intense official symbolism of Hong Kong's return. Take the publication next year of an At-las of Shame which will detail China's 150 years of abuse at the hands of foreign and colonial powers. Or the huge production under way on the mainland set of The Opium Wars, a block-buster film portraying Britain's greatest historical injustice against China, to be released in 12 months' time. In such ways will the tone be set inside Chi-na for 30 June 1997, a day which the Chinese government has said will bring to an end "a long period of bitter suffering and national humiliation".

For some time now, nationalism has already been the rallying call of a government facing difficult social and economic decisions at home. And the build-up to next June will see the hyperbole of patriotic pro-paganda reach new levels of excess. China finally ... got the international reputation that was its due" when it was agreed that Hong Kong would revert to the mainland; said one recent official commentary. China's resumption of sovereignty "will not only wash away this historical stain, providing consolation to our forerunners and those martyrs who devoted their lives to the nation, but will also mark the beginning of a new era for the

'Pearl of the Orient'," it added. On the domestic political stage, President Jiang Zemin will hope that being at the helm for Hong Kong's return will bolster his position as the "core" of the leadership. For the Chinese Communist Party, which on Monday celebrates its 75th anniversary, there is the wishful thought that public discontent over such issues as unemploy-ment and corruption may be diverted by patriotic fervour. And for the People's Liberation Army (PLA), 1997 promises a glorious episode as the mainland

garrison marches into Hong Kong, the only large contingent of mainlanders to take up residence under the "One Country,

Two Systems" policy.

All the key players in China will be looking for political dividends from 1997, especially as the handover takes place just three or four months before the next full Communist Party Conss, held once every five years. Behind-the-scenes manoeuvrings have already started, as next year's Congress will decide a new prime minister.



Uncertain future: Mainland Chinese can seem vindictive

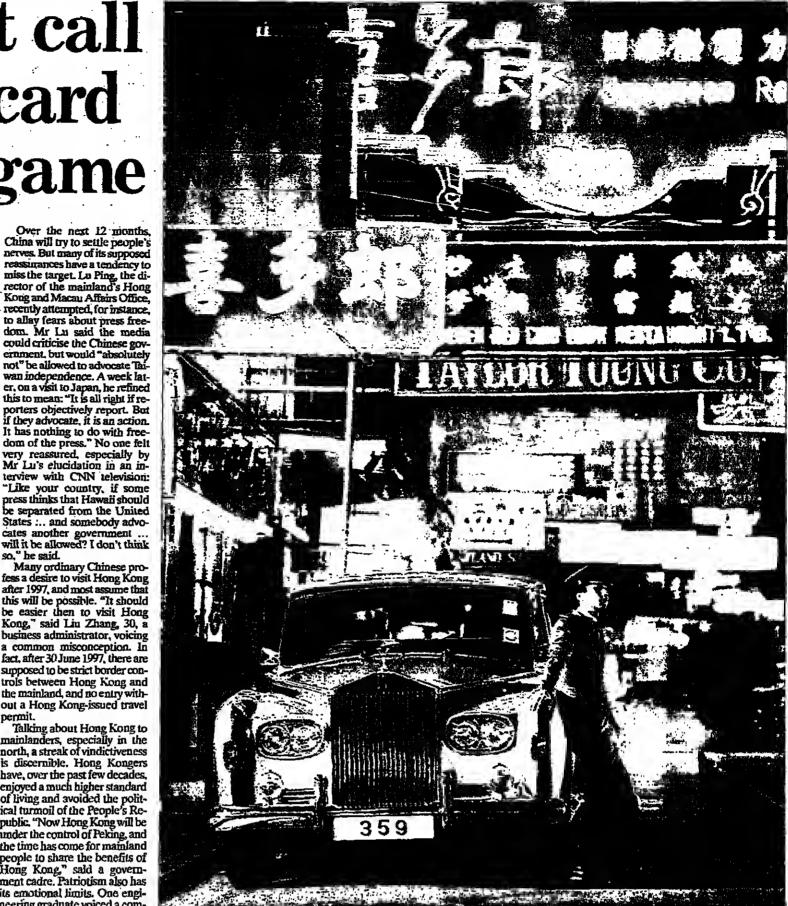
However, 1997 also represents a huge risk for Peking. China has repeatedly told the world that the "Pearl of the Orient" will prosper under the motherland, but the world is not yet convinced that China will keep its promise to allow Hong Kong's way of life and freedoms to endure. Peking will have to manage the scrapping of the existing Legislative Council (Legco) and the imposition of an appointed interim alternative. And even if Peking is aware of the damage to be wrought by meddling in Hong Koog's busioess practices, it remains to be. seen if it can rein in powerful provincial officials who have their own designs on a slice of the Hong Koog pie.

China will try to settle people's nerves. But many of its supposed reassurances have a tendency to miss the target. Lu Ping, the di-rector of the mainland's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, recently attempted, for instance, to allay fears about press free-dom. Mr Lu said the media could criticise the Chinese government, but would "absolutely not" be allowed to advocate Taiwan independence. A week later, on a visit to Japan, he refined this to mean: "It is all right if reporters objectively report. But if they advocate, it is an action. It has nothing to do with free-dom of the press." No one felt very reassured, especially by Mr Lu's elucidation in an in-terview with CNN television:

Many ordinary Chinese profess a desire to visit Hong Kong after 1997, and most assume that this will be possible. "It should be easier then to visit Hong Kong," said Liu Zhang, 30, a business administrator, voicing a common misconception. In fact, after 30 June 1997, there are supposed to be strict border controls between Hong Kong and the mainland, and no entry without a Hong Kong-issued travel

States :.. and somebody advo-

Talking about Hong Kong to mainlanders, especially in the north, a streak of vindictiveness is discernible. Hong Kongers have, over the past few decades, enjoyed a much higher standard of living and avoided the political turmoil of the People's Republic, "Now Hong Kong will be under the control of Peking, and the time has come for mainland people to share the benefits of Hong Kong," said a govern-ment cadre. Patriotism also has its emotional limits. One engineering graduate voiced a common sentiment: "I do oot like Hong Kong people, because they look down on mainlanders."



عبكذا من الاحل

City lights: Hong Kong has enjoyed a much higher standard of living than the mainland over the past few decades, 'The time has come for mainland people to share in the benefits,' one government cadre said Photographs: Magnum

Barren island' that bore fruit

STEPHEN VINES

Britaio has always been ambivalent about its acquisition of Hong Kong during the optum war of the mid-18th century.

It was occupied by a naval force on 26 January 1841, but such was the lack of enthusiasm that Captain Charles Elliot, who was responsible for its seizure. was chastised by Palmerston for his lack of vigour in getting more out of the Chinese. Describing it as as "barren island", he raged: "You have disobeyed and neglected your instructions.

However, in 1842, the Treaty of Nanking was signed yielding the island of Hong Kong in perpetuity. In 1860, as Peking was occupied by the British and French, the garrison in Hong Kong decided it needed some space for exercises, as a result of which the Kowloon peninsula on the mainland and the tiny

Stonecutters joined the Empire. The colonial appetite, however, remained unsatisfied and by 1898 the biggest slice of Chinese land – the New Territories - was ceded to Britain as part of a European land-grab throughout China. It is the 99-year lease on the New Territories which expires a year from tomorrow: Hong Kong island, ceded "in perpetuity" is the heart of the colony's prosperity, but cannot survive without its hinterland.

In the years leading up to the Second World War, Hong Kong was a relatively poor, dowdy sort of place, much overshadowed by the glamour of the interna-

tionally bustling Shanghai. After 1945, other colonies began to think of independence. hut Hong Kong was more worried by the threat of Chinese occupation. The 1960s overspill of the Cultural Revolution provided a reminder of what might happen, but by the end of the 1970s the picture changed with the first opening of China's economy laying the foundations for Hong Kong's prosperity. China indicated its desire to

resume sovereignty over the colony informally in 1979 and formally in 1982. An abrasive meeting between Margaret Thatcher and Deng Xiaoping set the tone for two years of oego-tiations leading to the Joint Declaration which laid the basis for the transfer of sovereignty.



Save 10%. VEHICLE RESCUE from just 26.50 a year

| JOIN SAV | | W O | A N D N E Y |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| LEVEL OF COVER | WAS | NOW | 5 A VING YOU |
| | £89.50 | £82.50 | £7.00* |
| COMPREHENSIVE | 265.5 Q | £60.00 | £5.50* |
| ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE | ₹38,00 | £35.00 | £3.00* |
| RECOVERY ONLY | 129 .50 | £26,50 | £3.00* |

*Plus a once only enrolment fee of £9.50, waived

if you join by Direct Debit or continuous credit.

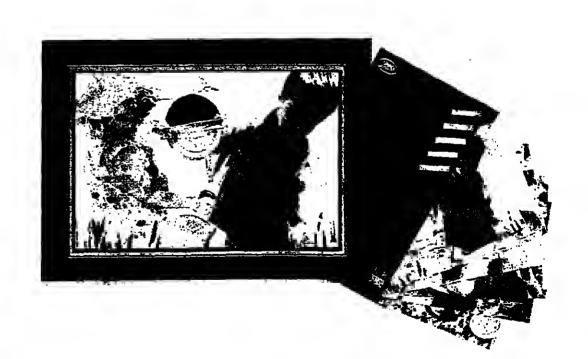
GREEN FLAG are offering you the chance to save up to £16.507 on vehicle rescue. Prices now start from just £26.50 for a full twelve months cover anywhere in the UK. But hurry - this special offer is only valld until 30 June.

To celebrate our 25th anniversary.

- ₩ 35 minute average call-out time.**
- Most problems repaired at the roadside.
- All recoveries are completed in one direct
- 6000 skilled mechanics always on call.
- 3 million members.
- w 25 years experience.



Free Enlargement



Free 253 x 177mm (10" x 7")* enlargement worth £4.59 when you choose the 1 or 4 hour film processing service. Offer ends 9th July 1996.

*253 x 177mm (10° x 7°) non-selective enlargement available from full frame 35mm colour negative on a 3 day service.

I and 4 hour service subject to availability at peak times. Maximum size of enlargement from 110mm film is 177 x 126mm (74 x 55) worth £2.19. Offer available in 458 stores.



Islamic leader takes the reins in Turkey

The maverick pro-Islamic leader Necmettin Erbakan took power at the head of a new coalition government in Turkey yesterday. nalling an era likely to further dilute the strident Westernising secularism with which Kemal Ataturk founded the republic

seven decades ago.
"Peace be with you. I have good news: a new government," a beaming Prime Minister Erbakan said after President Suleyman Demirel approved his Cabinet.

Erbakan has opposed most things that defined the Turkey after World War Two: Nato membership, a customs union with Europe, balanced ties between Israel and the Arab states and a mission to Westernise this Islamic nation of 65 million

people. Yet even Turkish secularists are doing little more than tut-tutting Erbakan's slow march to power. Since Turkey's last real government collapsed nine months ago, public opinion has become punch-drunk with unprincipled politicking, revelations of public corruption and a Provide Comfort' force pronew upsurge in nationalist sen-

Hugh Pope in Istanbul reports on the achievement of 'a sort of stability' in a country grown used to political chaos

timent on both sides of the KurThe Welfare Party's room for dish conflict,

"People have cried wolf so often we have become immune to panic. There has been so much chaos, any sort of stability is welcome, "said one diplomat in the Turkish capital, Ankara, Most Turks know the Welfare

Party does not bear much comparison to the fundamentalism of Saudi Arabia or the ideological ruthlessness of Iran. Neither is there a sense that the its agenda is revolutionary, since the sup-posedly 'secular' Turkish republican system has gone a long way in the past decade towards a new synthesis with its Is-lamic and Ottoman past.

Mr Erbakan has already signalled that he will compromise on some foreign policy issues and has said he might sacrifice his op-position to a customs union with Europe and the 'Operation tecting the Kurds of northern

manoeuvre is also limited because it only polled 21 per cent of the vote when it came top of general elections last December, giving it just 158 of the 550 par-

unentary seats. Mr Erbakan has promised not to interfere with the way people eat, drink or dress. On the evidence of the many municipalities managed by his party since 1994, there should be no reason to disbelieve him. But, given his occasionally wildly anti-Semitic and pro-Islamic remarks, many

Turks remain suspicious. The 70-year-old Erbakan had an uneven record as a deputy prime minister in three govern-ments in the troubled 1970s. But he finally achieved his ambition to be prime minister yesterday when True Path Party leader Tansu Ciller made the highly controversial decision to throw her

eign Minister. Prime Minister from 1993

until March this year, Mrs Ciller may have felt she had no alternative. In theory, her party has shared power since March in a government headed by the Motherland Party's Mesut Yilmaz. But their personal hatred meant that virtually nothing was achieved, another factor that has eased public resistance to Mr Erbakan's taking power.

Behind the froth of their political squabbling. Turkey's powerful institutions have stepped in to rule instead. The military went ahead to sign a co-operation agreement with Israel in February. Despite Turkish denials, the

accord appears to be strongly tar-

geted at Syria. Mr Erbekan,

however, professes great love for Syria and the Arab world and a dislike of American imperialism, so it seems likely there will be a cooling-off period in official aspects of the Israeli relacionship. He will, however, be in complete accord with pursuing the military's 12-year-old fight with the Kurdistan Workers' Party.

Face of dissent: Demonstrators masked as (from left) John Major, Bill Climton and Jacques Chirac at the Lyons sur of G7 countries which, they say, 'rip the shirts off the backs of the south'. Summit, page 16 Photograph: Re

NATIONWIDE

MORTGAGES



PLAYING AN ACE fig. 7

Special rates for existing customers. Advantage you.

| Minimum Deposit | Discounted Rate in Year 1 | APR (Variable) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 25% | 1-69% | 1.7% |
| 15% | 2-19% | 2.2% |
| 5% | 2-69% | 2.8% |

At Nationwide we reserve some of our best one year discounted rates for existing borrowers who are moving house; your loyalty nets you some extra good deals. But the advantage doesn't end at the rates. A cashback offer of up to £790 including a refund of your application fee, gives you a fantastic return. On top of this, you'll get

an extra £50 if your application comes in before 31st July. Of course we also serve some pretty good deals to new customers too. You'll then find that at Nationwide our rates are consistently competitive. So for a smashing mortgage pop into your local Nationwide or call us on 0800 30 20 10 (quoting ref. PZ63).

In tune with people • Nationwide THE BUILDING SOCIETY.

Find us on the Internet at http://www.nationwide.co.uk

siquan langer endellara sa corda craffe vidalaca electure cum bentacede tase une celes une es bentaca ca benta and the part of the state of th

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

An ex-FBI agent says First Lady Hilliery Clinton.

Awas behind the 1991 hiring of Craig Livingstone, the former head of White House personnel scrunty who is at the centre of the despending row over the White House handling of over 700 confidential FBI barkground files.

hackground files.

In a book out next week, Unlimited Access As III
Agent Inside The Clinion White House, Gary Aldrid
says he asked about the credentials of Mr.

Agent Inside The Clinton White House Gary Aldrich says he taked about the credentials of Mr. Livingstone, a former Democratic tampaign operative and restantant bonner, for the lob, and was told by a White House tampaigt that "Lillary wants him" The book, recounting Mr. Aldrich's three years as an FB1 agent assigned to the White House makes other stuining claims. It alleges late night trysts between Mr. Clinton and a woman in Washington's Marriort hotel, to winch the President was driven hiding under a blanker in the hack of a dark windowed limousine. He complains of an Arkansas Mafia, taking over the White House dismanding the existing security clearance system, and a newallly 2. If alrempts to conduct the hid and the mark officials.

Let the Mr. Livingstone said at far as he knew the late of Mr. Livingstone said at far as he knew that the former of the wing transfer the former of the late of the first of the mark officials.

Nonetheless the incident is further proof that the forthcoming presidential campaign could be the dirtiest yet, as Republicans seek to onode Mir. Clinton's comfortable polls lead by hammering the "character" issue: Rapert Cornwell - Washington.

Vesser Arafat has had his first meeting with a top policy advisor of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister. It was the first meeting the

Palestinian leader has bad with a representative of the new government. He saw Dr Dore Gold a foreign policy advisor of Mr Netanyahn, in his home in Gaza ... city. Dr Gold assured Mr Arafat-that Mr Netanyahir planned to continue dialogue with the Palestinians, said Palestinian sources. They said the two also discussed ways to fight terrorism and economic assistance to the Palestinians. Patrick Cockburn.

Bucking a wave of street protests, parliament approved a landmark overhaul of postwar Germany's welfare state yesterday. The Bundestag passed most of the government's austerity plan after. a noisy debate in which the opposition accused Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition of saving on the backs of the needy. The plan cuts sick pay, jobless benefits and health care. AP - Bonn

After a two-year investigation, Czech authorities recovered 14 Old Master paintings. and arrested the suspected ringleader of an international gang of art thieves and fences. The paintings, including works by Canaletto and Reni and from the schools of Durer, Cranach and Tintoretto. had been stolen from two museums in the Czech Republic: the National Gallery in Pragne and the palace in Namest. AP - Wiesbaden

Kanyan police say they have gunned down one of the country's most notorious criminals. Gerald Munyiera, in a shoot-out in central Kenya. Known as Wanngu ("Son of a Monkey" in Swahili), the gang leader was wanted in connection with a number of murders, including that of Christopher Maurice, a British aid worker, who was kidnapped and killed a month ago. David Orr - Nairobi

Inside Section Two today Gone with the Wind and

the real Margaret Mitchell How to create the perfect roof garden

SOVIET CARPET & ART GALLERIES 303-305 Cricidewood Broadway
London NM2
Tel: 0161-452 2445
Open to public: SUNDAYS 10.30-5.30
(weekdays - trade only)
THE DERMITIVE STOCK OF HAND-MADE RUGS
AT UNBERGARLE PRICES. Great selection of paintings, including Socialist Re-Members of the Fine Art Tracte Guild

Renewing your home insurance in July or August and want to save?

If you're 50 or over call free! 0800 414 525

ext.3474

Lines open Monday to Friday dem - 6pm, Setterdays 9am - tpm

ONE CANADA SQUARE CANARY WHARF LONDON E14 5DL TELEPHONE 0171-293 2000/0171-345 2000 FAX 0171-293 2435/0171-345 2435

After empire, we badly need a new refrain

n a year's time, the union flag will be lowered for the last time over Hong Kong. The implications of Chinese rule for the Colony itself are momentous; but the event ought to have deep significance for all of us in Britain, whether or not we have eaten a Chinese meal. For when that scrap of fabric runs down the flagpole, the imperial experience will come to an end. Our excuses for failing to adjust and fashion an up-to-date and lasting national self-identity will have run out.

Empire will not quite be exhausted. Britain will be left with a handful of fag-end dependencies: a clutch of islands in the Caribbean, some more scattered on the vast open waters of the South Atlantic, a few in the Pacific, a cluster in the Indian Ocean, Bermuda, Gibraltar, and the unpopulated expanse of British Antarctic Territory. But Hong Kong, with nearly six million people, is the last plot with any economic importance. London once ruled some 400 million people. As late as the 1950s, British schoolchildren could truthfully he told the sun never set on the Commonwealth/Empire. As from the first of July next year, Britain's remaining possessions will encompass some 160,000 people, roughly the population of the Isle of Wight.

Next year will also see the 50th anniversary of Indian independence, the beginning of the end of Empire. The handover of Hong Kong will coincide (almost to the day) with the centenary of the extravagant celebration of Empire bound up with Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Ninety-nine years ago, so Jan Morris tells us in her Empire trilogy, they sang in Happy Valley. They won't be raising their voices in celebration in 1997.

Will these coincidences thicken the contemporary mood of fractious patriotism, at least in the part of Britain that is England? The end of Empire has not been a political question for a long time. Yet it could and perhaps should excite attention - and precipitate long-needed debate about national role and purpose.

Inside a century, an empire spanning a quarter of the globe has disappeared. John Seeley said the British acquired their empire in a fit of absence of mind; they disposed of it with even less attention. Outside the Indian subcontinent, the liquidation has been relatively untraumatic, unbloody. Of course, there was armed struggle in Kenya. Blood was shed in Cyprus, Aden and elsewhere. Often independence came agonisingly slowly - as it seemed to colonised and coloniser alike. Yet the process produced no Angola or Congo or Algeria. For the colonial power in that instance, France, the end of empire left deep, domestic scars.



France is the European country with which Britain has most in common in its imper-ial history; their Dien Bien Phu was a national catastrophe; Algeria destroyed the Fourth Republic. We have nothing to compare. Rhodesia was painful, but on nothing like the same scale. In just 50 years, we have left it all behind us, and the very ease (some would say indecent haste) with which we packed our hags meant we have thought about it all the less.

But there are consequences. Britain has never quite been at ease with itself in the world since - or should that read "England"? Perhaps the end of empire has yet fully to register inside the United Kingdom; perhaps the settlement of empire entails settling relations between England and the other countries, Meanwhile, the British state and its representation to the wider world has been confused. Dean Acheson famously remarked that Britain had lost an empire but not yet found a role. Nobody thanked him for saying it in 1962, yet it remains a truism of foreign policy in 1996. The character part which Britain took in the drama of the Cold War gave reassurance, but even that has gone now.

It is not as if we have not had time to inure ourselves to reduced circumstances. Kipling saw the writing on the wall in 1897. "Lo, all our pomp of vesterday/ Is one with Nineveh and Tyre," he wrote in Recessional. One response has been retreat, a kind of inner migration - ignore the world and cultivate our gardens. Another has been the desire to march through the councils of the world, stamping our feet and demanding that everyone else snap 10 attention. We cannot quite shake the imperial habits of mind. Here are elements of psychosis, as reactions to Euro 40 have shown. Victory made some English people mad with arrogance, while defeat left them full of selfhatred.

In England, it sometimes seems we can only sing two songs: Rule Britannia, or An English Country Garden, as if we were still fighting those old battles between the Imperialists and the Little Englanders that raged a century ago. We badly need to find a new refrain.

British people know the reduced economic and political facts. Hearts have to accept lower-tier membership of the international community. Yet Britain remains a global player. We are, for the most part, a diligent and responsible member of the international community. This is a less stirring, less vivid thing than empire. But is a better thing and, even when the flags come down in distant parts and there are tugs in British hearts, none of us now thinks

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Sale of MoD married quarters will bring benefits | Rid Britain of nuclear weapons

Sir: I was astonished to find myself reported in your columns (report, 26 June, first edition) as a former defence minister who had "rejected" the MoD's plans for the sale of the married quarters estate to the private sector

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The truth is the exact opposite.
While Minister of State for Defence from 1992-94 I strongly championed the scheme which has since been of Service housing has been poor for

Charges do not deter

Sir: I wish the Saumaraz Smith well in taking the National Portrait Gallery's bid to the Heritage Lottery

Find for its new extension (report,

25 June), but I cannot let his comments on visitor numbers to muse

Charles Saumaraz Smith claims that those museums that charge for

decreases in visitor numbers since

doing so, and cites an alleged drop

in the number visiting the Natural

History Museum from 3.35 million

per year before charging to 1.06 million now: a fall of 68 per cent. As

far as the Natural History Museum

is concerned, these figures are not

In the years before the Natural

part of public mythology.

History Museum introduced admission charges, it simply did not

count visitors accurately as they

came into the Museum, Annual

visitor numbers were estimated

visitorship, and were as a result,

greatly inflated. An annual visitor

count of 3.35 million would have

visitors every day of the year that the

Museum was open. We know from

visitors as we issue them with tickets

that when 9,000 people visit us in a

barely room to move. It is clear that

million visitors a year in the past, or

anything remotely approaching this

The figure of 1.06 million that Charles Saumaraz Smith cites as the

current figure is quite simply wrong. The true figure for last year was 1.46

million of which 1.06 million paid

admission charges, the remainder

during the free period at the end of

coming in without charge, either

each day, or in organised school

Since the Natural History Museum introduced admission

charges in 1987, its annual visitor

numbers have fluctuated year by year from 1.4 million to 1.75 million

and I suspect this is very much the

level of visitor numbers during the

Director, Natural History Museum

Superiority complex

decade before charging.

Dr NEIL CHALMERS

London SW7

parties.

day, the Museum is packed, with

it would have been physically and

operationally impossible for the Museum to have received 3.35

meant an average of over 9,000

the accurate counts we make of

from a few periods of peak

subjectively, usually by extrapolating

"public knowledge" as he claims, but

admission have suffered large

oms go unchallenged.

The status quo is virtually indefensible because of the unacceptably high number of empty houses, houses in poor condition, and dissatisfied occupants complaining of inadequate maintenance and

The Portillo plan benefits both taxpayers and Service families. The latter will gain because £100 million

communities will be preserved and that a Ministerial veto is being retained to prevent the sale of any properties which might impair Chiefs of Staff, I supported the proposal when a defence minister

Backbench opponents of the scheme may have axes of their own Michael Portillo's admirable plan. JONATHAN AITKEN MP (Thanet South, Con)

Sir: The launch of Labour's defence manifesto for the next election is a terrible lost opportunity ("Nuclear responsibility is awesome, says Blair", 26 June). The manifesto, in one line, says Labour is still committed to a nuclear free world. However, it fails to say how it intends to help achieve this, and Tony Blair completely omilted this commitment from his press statement, say-ing only that Labour would press for reductions in nuclear, hiological and chemical weapons.

According to Mr Blair, a Labour Government would only enter British nuclear forces into multilateral negotiations "when satisfied with verified progress towards our goal of the global climination of nuclear weapons". Yet it has been repeatedly demonstrated, that the continued failure of Britain to place Trident on the negotiating table has contributed to the quarrels in evidence at the

Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty talks in Geneva. The arrogant insistence that Britain should hang onto its nuclear weapons simply because it has them will antagonise non-nuclear countries and potentially galvanise threshold states into deploying their own arsenals. If the nuclear party is set in go on. then what is to stop other countries from joining in the fun?

If Tony Blair thinks that playing macho games with humanity's survival will make him popular with voters, he is wrong. He may think that being prepared to push the nuclear button will help win the next election. However, a clear 50-60 per cent of the British electorate now favour a Britain without nuclear weapons, and want to see a treaty ridding the country

IANET BLOOMFIELD Chair, CND London N7

Preventive aims of Child Safety Week

Sir. There seems to be some confusion over the aims of Child Safety Week. We read with interest the two letters (27 June) which give the impression that "less than 700" accidental child deaths are somehow acceptable. Perhaps that statement could be put to a parent who has lost their child to an accident.

We agree absolutely that children shouldn't be over-protected. The Trust has never, at any point, encouraged parents and carers to over-protect their children from everyday risks, denying them the chance to learn to cope with hazards. We do believe in preparing children for adult life by teaching them to deal with risk for themselves, through education and

experience.
The type of accident that does concern us is the serious, lifethreatening and preventable type. If you knew that by installing a smoke alarm today, it would give you precious extra seconds to escape a fire, you'd fit one. If you were aware

Sir: 1 was interested to read in Paul Vallely's report (25 June) of Fr Gerard McGinnitty's tortured

gymnastics as he celebrated Mass in the House of Prayer on Achill. It

seems from the report that many of

his followers ascribe his agitation to

the frenzied efforts of the devil to

upset him. May I set their minds at

at Maynooth in the 1970s, when Fr

McGinnitty was Dean, my most

The Rev KEVIN HEGARTY

Sir: St Paul's Pharisee colleagues

Belmullet, Co Mayo

enduring memory is that he was a

reasonably good actor who could never resist the exaggerated gesture.

rest. As a student for the priesthood

A devilishly

good actor

how much damage a car windscreen does to an unrestrained toddler in a crash, you'd use a properly fitled car scat. If you realised how quickly and silently a young child can drown in just a few inches of water, you'd make sure you emptied that paddling pool or garden pond.

The last thing we want to do is spoil children's - and parents' enjoyment of family life and growing up. But it's hard to imagine what could spoil a family's happiness. more than a serious injury to or death of a child.

Statistics show that 2.5 million children will go to Accident and Emergency Units after an accident during the next 12 months. Many thousands of these injuries will be scrious and potentially lifethreatening and nearly 700 families will be bereaved. This is what the Trust hopes to prevent. CAROL SHERRIFF

Child Accident Prevention Trust London ECI

The follow-up that

Sir: In principle I dislike the idea of sequels by other hands ("Follow-ups

that can't be wrinen". 26 June). But

David Lister is not quite correct in

been avoided by the sequet writers."

Sir Harry Johnston, the explorer and writer, who died in 1927, wrote sequels to *Dombey and Son* and *Our*

Dombeys and The Veneerings. It is a

saying that "Dickens has, so far,

Mutual Friend, entitled The Gay-

long time since I read them: they

pursue the fate of some Dickens

characters and their descendants

against a tate Victorian background.

could be written

LETTER from

The reassuring thing about editing is that the difficult decisions turn out to be ethical ones, or at least about values in a general way. This is how it should be. The biggest problem coming up for us here may be the Sophie Hook murder case - the sex-murder of the seven-year-old girl who was snatched from a garden leut.

It seems clear that the evidence will be lengthy and horrible. My preference is to avoid most of the evidence, covering the main developments in the case in an episodic rather than daily way, and steering clear of the nasty bits. This time, that's

what we will do.

But plenty of my colleagues think this is plain wrong; we are a newspaper and should report all the facts, no matter how

They have a point: many readers, however much they shudder, want to know everything there is to know about such crimes. And sometimes, the telling detail matters or resolves some important unknown. The Fred and Rosemary West trial, Dunblanc, the Bulger case - these could not have been properly reported without some terrible stuff.

So there is no point in telling you that we have an answer for. or a formula 10, what has become almost a weekly dilemma, if not yet a daily one. If anyone has suggestions or strong views about it, I'd be glad to hear them.

One of the unexpected events of the week was breakfast with one Dr Henry Kissinger, who regaled the company with his iews on Russia. Asia and European integration, not to mention the quality of leadership on nffer in Washington.

He is still someone visited by senior foreign teaders from across the world and probably has better access to their thinking than any other single individuat. But why was he in London? A hig international conference? A private confahulation with Major and Riffend? Well, not exactly. As a fervent soccer fan, Dr K was here for the footic.

Another American visitor was Ben Bradlec, the former tlash*ington Post* editor and veteran

of Watergate who is a member of our board. He spent time yesterday in the newsroom, regaling us with political gossip and reflections on the trade. He tends to be described as "the legendary Ben Bradlee". a tag he hates. "A legend in his own mind." was his sardonic tesponse.

Returning to the football, here is a message for everyone who was offended by last Saturday's front-page piece about General Robert Venables, the 'womanising, drunken rat' who was defeated by the Spanish in the 1650s. Our headline may have led some people to

You put a gun on the front page to call for a ban on

firearms; a boot

there for the football What when the next parliamentary sex scandal breaks?

think we were referring to the saintly Terry Venables instead, Well... all right, that was the idea. It seemed funny at the time. To me, it still is. But since this is The Column What Tells It Like It Is, let me confess that the "drunken rat" headline may, just conceivably, have been a little over the top. The person responsible (me) has been severely rebuked by the editor.

In the same edition, we had a life-sized pieture of Alan Shearer's boot, referring, in advance, to the England-Spain match. At a splendid Oxfordshire party that night - and what a state we were all in the next morning - the following unanswerable challenge was posed: "You put a big gun on the front page to call for a ban on domestic firearms; you put a big boot there for the football My question is, what are you going to do when the next purliamentary sex scandal breaks?" No answers on a postcard, please.

Andrew Mari

refined, safeguarded, and improved by Michael Portillo. The sad fact of this matter is that the management many years.

museum visitors

from the sale proceeds will be spent on upgrading married quarters. The result will be that the living conditions of most Service houses will be raised to Grade One standard within about five years, an achievement which would be unattainable without the sale.

So far as the wider defence interest is concerned, it is important to emphasise that cohesive Service

operational effectiveness. Like the because it satisfied the interests of the Services.

to grind, but they will be doing no favours for Britain's Services or taxpayers if they vote against House of Commons London SW7



Brigitte Bardot: her beauty was a gift from her genes

The value of beauty without jealousy

Sir: The relationship between personal appearance and life chances is a little more complicated than Rebecca Fowler suggests ("Is it really such a sin to be ugly?", 27 June).

Most of the important empirical research was carried out in the 1960s when a welcome new honesty and frankness were entering into the once almost taboo subject of looks. But the distinguished American social psychologists Dion, Berscheid and Walster added to persisting confusion when, for feminist political reasons, they entitled their report of 1972 (Journal of Personal and Social Psychology, vol 24, pp 205-90) "What is beautiful is good".

What their research, and a critical mass of other studies actually showed, was not that people equate

beauty with moral good, but with something very different, worldly appiness and success.

Historically there have always been jobs in which men could profit from beauty - as a footman, or as a salesman in a department store catering for women, for instance. Today there are more and more sales and media jobs in which appearance is an indispensable asset. But a beautiful face does not make a brain

surgeon (or a professor of history). Beauty is simply a gift from our genes, valued because it gives joy to all beholders, a gift just like musical or mathematical talent. If we understand this, we can value it without jealousy, and avoid overvaluing it. AKTHUR MARWICK London NW3

Red herring of the West Lothian Question

June). There is no such thing as a Scottish MP, an English MP, a Welsh MP or an Irish MP. An MP is an MP - nothing more and nothing less. He or she is not a delegate but an MP in his or her own right, with a duty to exercise responsible judgement on any issue coming before the House of Commons.

Sir. The West Lothian Question is the reddest of red herrings (comment, 25 worries about the so-called "tartan" tax". They could make the extra tax raised by the Parliament allowable against national Income Tax. In effect that would mean a transfer of resources to Scotland from the national budget for specifically Scottish services under democratic Scottish control. That is surely what devolution is about.

most probably regarded him as having been "massively destabilised" by his experience on the road to Damascus. How else can we see the mental processes by which Fr McGinnity's sometime seminarian colleagues dismissed his "massive conversion experience" in Medjugorje as "massively destabilising"?

Genuine conversion - which all of

us, including lecturers in seminaries probably need - leads to fundamental change. How could a basic reappraisal of attitudes, values and actions not be destabilising of all that needs to be changed? MARY SMITH Rugely, Staffordshire

JAMES N DAWSON London SE26

Sport in question Sir: What is this rubbish about exercise making children happy (report, 28 June)? My happiest moment at school was sussing our how to avoid games. I realised that il is almost impossible to force an adolescent to take part in games what sanctions do you impose on someone who prefers to be kept in working?

My proud boast is that I've taken no exercise since 1957. At 57 my only problem is havfever somehow I don't think compulsory sport would have averted this, but I am thinking of taking up smoking...
JUDY WATSON Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

QUOTE UNQUOTE

If I'd known I was going to five this long I would have taken better care of myself - Boh Monkhouse, on reaching his 68th birthday If Major fails at the next election, my phone stops ringing, But he won't - Peter Friet, a much-sought-after John Major look-alike I like to go swimming somewhere where nobody will see me. I have a marginal seat and it wouldn't be wise if people saw me with my clothes off - Jeremy Hanley. Foreign Office minister Eating meat rather than incinerating it would save an awful lot of money better left in the taxpayer's pocket - Nicholas Budgen. Tory Euro-scentic

If you were John Major with a majority of one, would you really want to take this warring, unpleasant, back-stabbing, back-hiting crew through another six months of dark winter nights in the House of Commons? - Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, on the prospects of an autumn general election

New Labour is an agoing transvestite clad in sub-Thateherite rhetoric. We know that Danny La Rue is a man, just as we know that new Labour is old Labour - Tristan Garel-Jones, Tory MP "Why didn't wou just belt it?" - Barbara Southeate to her son Gareth after he missed the penalty in the Euro 96 semi final against Germany

Letters should be addressed to Letters to the Editor, The Independent, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) and include a daytime telephone number:

Letters may be edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.



Sir. Bryan Appleyard writes (comment, 27 June) that "the English are, stereotypically, arrogant and superior" - he is mistaken. It is the French who are superior, the Germans inferior, while the English simply think the world owes them a favour. TOM KENYON-SLANEY

DRUMMOND HUNTER Edinburgh

ROLAND FREEMAN Salisbury, Wiltshire

So tell us, Joan, where have all the flowers gone?

David Aaronovitch meets an idol trying to bring her fans up to date

couldn't get to Bob, hut here I am with Joan. "OK," I planned to say, "Tell me.

ars and man wh

9.000

r their

Silica

en p. Leha

2512071

a been

ii boii:

Where have all the flowers gone?" But I don't dare. Instead, after switching on the recorder, I burble something about wondering how she is affected by the knowledge that so many people regard her as a central feature of their ethical hackgrounds; that as a young tecnager, had sat around campfires and bed-rooms, strumming guitars and misty-eyed – singing songs of lost love, injustice and the sorrows of war. Her songs, above all. How does this make her feel? But Joan Baez is all too aware of

the pitfalls of heing an ancient Jiminy Cricket to our Pinocchios, of playing the constant, unchanging conscience while all us 30- and 40year-olds have fun. Her smile is a tiny hit wintry. "It's an honour for people to have me in their psyche." But? "But I am happiest when I am doing something which isn't dependent on what I was doing 30 years ago. You know, when I get with somebody who knew me solely from 30 years ago and has all that nostalgia, it is extremely exhausting trying to bring them up to date."

We are in the snug downstairs bar at the Halycon Hotel, a small place in Holland Park much beloved of controllers of BBC channels and successful playwrights. The 55-yearold singer, the queen of folk, lover of Bob Dylan and Kris Kristofferson, twice-jailed protester and possessor of one of the great voices of the century, is squashed into a corner in an

She is beautiful. More beautiful, I think, than wheo she was in her late twenties. Then, she always sang and spoke with a frown, her brows knitted over her eyes, making them smaller, her long black hair obscuring her features. Today, she wears her grey hair very short, with a single thin, long plait down her back. Her face is opened up as a result; her aquiline nose, high cheekbones and - above all - wonderful large brown

eyes, are all unhidden.
No wonder she is insisting so hard that whatever the memories of her past, it is high time that people in the political world. I didn't do it that she'd actually been communiwith the music. Then I realised that cating with him. unless I made a huge concerted

ob Dylan in Hyde Park effort, I wouldn't be visible. The today. Joan Bacz in music husiness is a massive industry board? She laughs. "Quite often, was a smell, a smell of the files. The someone would shout shut up and smell came from Bachdad where I You can disappear. So I closed down my human-rights group."

She had her own human-rights group? Wow. This gives one an idea of the intensity of Joan Baez's commitment to whatever she is involved in. For the many years when she was politically active, she gave herself over to it wholesale, regarding the music as secondary. But for the last seven years, she has concentrated absolutely ("absolutely" appears to he her favourite word) on making records and playing concerts.

She got a manager for the first time, and sought new collaborators and found them in the sudden success of the woman singer-songwrit-

Chapin-Carpenter and the McGarrigles, "They were flattering to me influence on their lives. So I told them that, in return, they current. They have given me

my platform" But won't this movement away from politics

"Sure," she laughs, "And William Buckley [the right-wing American commentator and I are going to get married. Look, the foundations of my non-violent politics were there by the time I was eight - before I could verbalise them. My politics have been through every test they could possibly go through. Now I'm moving on. And because what I am doing is absolutely honest, the results have been honest." She tells a story about a young Yugoslavian who had told her recently that, although he'd always admired her, oow he felt that

sing'! I heard that several times. And used to get very huffy, because here I was delivering my very direct and important message. But it's a relief not to feel that I have to give a lecture to justify my music." Had she been one of those political folk who love mankind, but can't get on with

man? "I certainly was in that cate-gory", admits Joan, "but I don't believe that I'm still in that swamp." What got her out was eight years of therapy. Being Joan Baez, it was of course "intensive therapy", which took up a vast amount of time and was hugely upsetting. "I had to retreat very deeply", she says, "and face my problems head on and knock their teeth out. It was a diffi-

> travel around with all that psychic umpleas antness. I carried it all those years. It was only when I got to other was able to look back and ask how I'd survived my previous stage fright.

cult thing to

the fear of flying. I'd worked around And now I'm. free of it. I

of the psyche and spirit. Hats off to me for doing it!"

Today, she uses tapes to help her prepare for concerts and travel. "It's what Arnold Palmer does before he plays golf. You look at something that hasn't worked. You work out what was going wrong. Then you go back and revisualise it the way you'd like it to be."

I ask her for an example. She tells tale of a trip made with good friends to a hotel in Italy, where the sun was shining, the air was sweet. It was perfect. Yet ooce in her bedsmell came from Bashdad where I lived when I was 10. So it can be anything, a perfume, something subtle."

The new Joan has not lost the social concerns of the old. She agrees that this an age of cynicism. "There's a deep-rooted kind of des-peration. It is, as Dar Williams (her favourite new singer] has said, not necessarily our culture that is suffering, but our society. It's an illness. So I would like my records and concerts to be a moment of purity."

Others are there to take up the fight. She instances a recent song by the Indigo Girls about the peasant revolt in the Mexican province of Chiapas. "The Indigo Girls feel like kids to me, reaching out to do some-thing beyond Native Americans (that's hip to do) or the environment (that's hip, too). This little song was about revolution. Maybe that's what comes next After Vietnam, there was an aversion to hearing anything political. Maybe it's time for it to creep back. And maybe I'll find one of my voices for that."

A huge coach with tinted windows has drawn up to take her to a concert in Cambridge. At 55, I asked was she mellow. "Mellow? I hate that word! Of course everybody changes. You doo't even walk so easily wheo you're 55! So you sit down and they say, 'She's mellowing out'. It's like saying 'she's a couch potato'."

I am pathetically worried that I have offended her, so I attempt to curry favour by referring to one of my favourite songs, "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine", a song of completion sing by her great hero, Pete Seeger, "Yeah, yeah," she says, "It's a little comy. Cornier than I feel, A good song, but a little hackneyed. But I'm not finished. I really do not know what's coming oext."

What is coming next is a sudden intervention by a very ebullient American man who has been holding a loud conversation a couple of feet away. "Hi," he says with mas-sive confidence. "I'm a huge fan of yours. My name's Bob Ezra and I produce Pink Floyd. I've been listening to you and playing along with you [he plays an imaginary guitar in Men Behaving Badly fashion] and singing along to you since you first started. Thank you."

Joan sits there and smiles through pulled the covers over her head. and as she will have to for many Why? "I decided that I was going to more to come. Wheo will they ever



Labour hus and a march

particular icly i DOMES WITH II was not been a growth in last

to composen to grant Edmbargh in traduct for L the Sagridam. ...

bothe reference-

public kwilet.

So had she been something of a trace this. So I went downstairs and learn? BHIORISHS. Jo Brand's week At these Prices you'd be Mad not to

| Ductination | First Telecom | R.T. | Sere % | * No Access Charge to |
|----------------|---------------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| USA | £1.18 | 08.82 | 69% | our Exchange |
| India | £7.29 | £12.70 | 43% | * Savings to 100's of |
| Connedo | £1.65 | 98.62 | 57% | countries |
| Australia | €2.23 | ₹5.90 | 62% | ★ No start-up costs, |
| South Africa | £4.70 | Ω8.20 | 43% | membership or joining fees |
| Germany/France | £2.11 | £2.96 - | 29% | * Operators available, 24km |
| Nigeria | £7.05 | \$11.05 | 35% | a day, 7 days a week * Toli quality |
| Hong Kong | £4.11 | \$7.30 | 44% | - x (on decen) |
| Pokiston | £9.16 | £12.60 | 27% | |

(Price comparison based on a 10 minute call)

FREEPHONE

0800 376 66 66



BEFORE YOU PHONE THE WORLD, PHONE US.

Globally Speaking - a service provided by First Telecom plc Licensed Carrier. "First Telecom twills shown are weekend rates inclusive of VAL British Telecom toriffs shown are economy rates inclusive of VAI All charges correct as of April 1996.

It probably hasn't escaped the notice of most people that over the years we have become increasingly obsessed with good looks to the point that human beings whose fizzogs are not easy on the eye tend to be ridiculed and teased throughout their lives. This applies more to women than to men, however, with the increasing obsession that many men have with their looks, the not-quite-so-attractive blokes are beginning to suffer the disapproval of the judgemental eyes of the more beautiful masses, too. This is obviously why panic flooded into the heart of the MP George Gardiner, who has begged his constituency members not to drop him on the basis of his appearance. Ridiculous

as I think this is, it does give me a tiny bit of satisfaction to see it happening to someone who has long imagined be is immune from being assessed purely on his appearance. What a shock for the poor old boy ... I wonder if he's booked an appointment with the surgeon's knife and plans to emerge from the private clinic looking for all the world like a

reconditioned Gladiator.

This path we are treading toward Aryan perfection needs to be re-routed. Notso-attractive people should ensure they are seen as often and in as many places as possible. If you look at the top of this column, you will see I'm doing my little

It's been a good week for us visually challenged folk who also get it in the neck for being fat. Some very kind insurance companies have set up special pensions for the big 'uns in the country. How jolly kind, I thought, and bow jolly nice of some companies to set up pensions for smokers, too. But as with many other aspects of these sorts of companies for whom, after all, profit is everything. I thought there must be a catch. Well, there is. These companies are only doing such kind deeds because they expect all the fat people to peg out much sooner than their more sveite counterparts and, even though they are offering bonnses, they will probably save a tidy sum. I'd like lots of fat people to sign up and try your hardest to piss them off by

Although I smoke myself, I would not particularly want to talk anyone else into it. However, it seems the cigarette

living for a very long time.



companies are desperate to push the little buggers using any marketing ploy they can. Philip Morris Europe have been running a series of controversial ads in newspapers attempting to portray a biscuit as more damaging than a cigarette in a passive smoking sort of a way. This meant biscuitmakers in France weren't happy, they took Philip Morris to court and won and the ads were banned. What will poor old Philip Morris try next? They can take their pick of carcinogens mobile phones or Hoovers perhaps. We don't need a picture of anything to make us feel a bit better. Besides some of us love biscuits as well.

OJ Simpson is doing a bit of fundraising for a group called Stop The Violence-Increase The Peace, a group involved with gang members and domestic abuse, Many womens' groups have responded by threatening a counter rally. Given the fact that



Joan Baez: 'I'm happlest doing something which isn't dependent on 30 years ago'

this man's murdered wife has been recorded on tape screaming that he has assaulted her, one would think at the very least, the guy would have enough sensitivity to realise most Americans do not think he is innocent and will feel he is being somewhat of a hypocrite and thus steer well clear of anything a bit controversial. Well, either he really is that insensitive or else doesn't care what people think. Still, with those qualities, and being a bit of a looker, OJ should leave all this siness behind and start looking for a safe Tory seat.

wonder if someone could tell me why so many people, women particularly, seem to be in thrall to what amounts to superstitious



nonsense. Not only have we had Fergie sitting under pyramids and Diana taking advice from astrology types, we now have the supposedly intelligent Hillary Clinton taking part in scances, during which she has apparently spoken to Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi. Let's hope they told her to get real. Added to this, she has also had sessions with a New Age therapist who has at some point recommended LSD. Is she totally barmy or stupid or blissfully unaware of how this is going to look to the general public? Unfortunately, Hillary Clinton's image (if this is true) has taken a serious dive from together intelligent independent woman to foolish, naive, silly birdbrain. Still, the National Enquirer is a very popular paper because of its headlines such as "Alien Badger impregnated My Table Says Mum With Three Noses"; perhaps they'll take Hillary to their hearts.

Any woman who has stamped her foot over a broken nail lately should perhaps spare a thought for Zeina Elksz, a Muslim from Cvitovici in Bosnia. This woman survived for nearly four years in the woods enting mushrooms and berries and living under a piece of plastic sheeting whilst soldiers laid waste to the surrounding towns. She also lived through four winters during which temperatures would drop to mirns 20 degrees. Despite the fact that there were animals like bears and wolves roaming around, she was left alone. The war crimes tribunals going on at the moment give us an appalling view of the atrocities committed and in particular the way that women were used as receptacles to satisfy soldiers. It is hard to find words to describe these men. It is tempting to call them animals, but the animals that left this poor woman alone do not have the facility for such brutish cruelty. Next time the washing machine breaks down or the cat is sick, I'm going to try to have a thought for Zejna Elkaz.

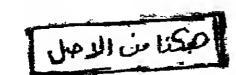
Hanoi's w are not

Vietnam's leachers are still me Community :

not seement the seements of th report to the ciclus. icham. Commun. demand the extrema talist-envic human ; politication of the raius and procedor a and manipularity
a vice to entirpune to
the leadership to be
And what are the profile to startified? - A bath cabaninani mor, or occupantly 1 for one. I the topograph market contents. Specific Report Mark Continued the nature of extent of

The courte of extra Hamiltonian in the courte of the court on spoul if hill out. the atoms in range of the state one and the control of the control of Halbert Pres are will write with

Shedderd to the second PICTICING MINISTRAL TO A STATE OF THE STATE A change of the life of the state of the sta



HE INDEPENDENT SHOURDAT IS JUNE 1990

عجكذا من الاحل

the commentators



And the mouse roared 'U-turn'

Labour has gone back on its pledge on devolution. Scotland is outraged, says Ian Bell

favours. In Glasgow on Thursday, for example, Gordon Brown was explaining how a referendum on Scottish devolution would "bury forever the black Tory lie that a tax-raising parliament would be imposed on the people of Scotland against their will". Very

The trouble is, however, that according to every opinion poll this particular inky Tory tib is already six feet under Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth's assault on the "tartan tax" has made absolutely no impact on Labour's dominance in Scotland. Why, suddenly, the fuss?

It was no less strange - downright spooky, in fact - to hear that Labour's putory e Tow tax chancellor intends to campaign to give fiscal powers to an Edinburgh, parliament, powers that would be a mockery of his tar-ation policies for the United King-dom. That such powers would also affect the good folk of Dunfermline East, whom Mr Brown represents, only added to the confusion.

It is possible that ignorance explains all In advance of Tony Blair's courageous (aren't they always?) visit to Edinburgh yesterday, his people were telling London newspapers that the Scottish media - whose reaction to the referendum plan has mixed disbelief with outrage - are "out of

ometimes you wish politi-cians wouldn't do you But our place, in every sense of the But our place, in every sense of the word, is the problem. Politically, Scotland is a place in which our English neighbours show little interest, and one which they understand less. Our dissatisfaction with our place in the British scheme of things is something they understand least of all.

Scotland doesn't fit; it is anomalous, from its quaint legal and education systems to its quixotic refusal to embrace Conservative government. It has a political culture and a set of aspirations - with home rule at their heart - entirely of its own. This week Blair's team set out to knock Scotland into shape while proclaiming - but this is the clever part - their complete understanding of how dif-

ferent Scotland is.

Bear in infind that a referendum is the one idea Labour has rejected consistently and vehemently, for years.

From shadow Scotlish Secretary George Robertson down, the party has argued that a Labour general elec-tion victory is the only endorsement a tax-raising parliament requires.

Now we hear that Robertson has

enjoyed a Damascene conversion. Cinders shall go to the ball, but only if she votes for it in a referendum. Moreover, it is to be a two-part plebiscite, first to accept the parliament itself, second to clarify its fiscal powers. Saintly Scots are to be asked how much they love taxation.

The louder the denials grow, the clearer it becomes that Blair knows exactly what he is about. The tax question, it is said, will "shoot Forsyth's fox". But in Scotland the fox isn't running. The referendum will spike Major's guns as he tries to turn the Union into a crusade, But what John Smith called the "settled will" of the Scots is perfectly clear - and besides, if Labour's thinking on the constitu-

Cinders shall go to the ball, but only if she votes for it in a referendum

tion is so persuasive, why doesn't Blair stand by it, and light the Scottish issue as a manifesto commitment? Interestingly, Blair's belief in devo-

Intion did not extend to consulting the majority of his Scottish MPs over his new wheeze. Even John McAllion, supposedly Scottish spokesman on constitutional affairs, was kept in the dark. But then McAllion, who has now resigned, was long suspected of being a shade too keen on home rule. He might have made a fuss. .

Fuss, in general, is what the hierarchy hopes will soon pass. They should be so lucky. The suspicion is

that Blair is finessing a near-sacred commitment (John Smith's "unfinished business") simply to keep the issue off the general election agenda, and to ensure that devolution, if it comes, will be a trivial affair. Some, this writer included, believe a repeat of the 1979 referendum débacle would actually suit him. At the very least, he wants out from under the commitment to taxation powers.

Blair, we suspect, has gazed upon the Scottish anomaly and repented. How about all that extra identifiable (and forget the rest) expenditure Scots gel? How about the over-representation of Scottish MPs (perpetually outnumbered) at Westminster? What of the West Lothian question. the prospect of Scots voting on English affairs when English MPs (the ones who gave Scotland a year of its very own "purely" Scotlish poll tax) can no longer legislate on Scotland?

But these are English concerns, British fears. Scotland wants greater control of its affairs. Labour gave a solemn promise that this would come to pass and now Blair has, to be very polite, amended the pledge. Yel the politics of Scotland offers no motive for doing so. The only real explananon is that the Labour leader feels incapable of defending the Scottish elaim before an English electorate. There's a lot of English nanonalism

about all of a sudden, is there not?

Therefore he postpones the whole

business until after an election. There will be a parliament, but nothing too serious. Edinburgh will resume: its historie place among the great local authorities of the world and the union will be renewed and reborn, or some such think-tank twitter.

But really? Yesterday Blair was in the Scottish capital to knock heads together and once again show us the guts of which, famously, he has so many. Let us try to read these pink entrails.

Labour wins the general election.

though not by a huge margin. At the speed of light (say six months?) a ref-erendum is held. Blair tours the country explaining why devolution is nature's sovereign remedy, and why his cast-iron ehancellor sees no problem, in logic or in principle, in reconciling his fiscal rectitude to an

Edinburgh parliament with the right to levy additional taxes.

The parliament goes through on the nod but barge-pioles decline taxraising powers. Scattland says "Yes" and "No". Someone wonders whose backtilder with the product of the second bright idea all this was in the first place and Scottish Labour lapses into tribal warfare. Some then drift off to the SNP, which suddenly looks like a rather good bet for elections to the

Edinhurgh parliament.

And one fine morning Prime Minister Blair wakes up, too late, to a real Scottish problem.

lan Bell is a col umnist on the 'Scotsman'.

AARONOVITCH

A bird in the hand

picture, a photograph of three people. On the left is a woman, just short of middle age, wearing a white cardigan, a knee-length pleated skirt. On her head, she is either wearing a bonnet, or else her beehive hairdo has par-

tially collapsed.
On the right is a boy of about
13, in a checked jacket and
open-necked shirt. The woman, who has very white teeth, is smiling at something. It is a large parrot being held on his outstretched arm by the boy. And behind the parrot is John Major. Tall, short-back-andsides emphasising his high fore-head, a 1960's suit, a shirt

whose whiteness matches the ly polished a small

from over over the parrot. The only other clue that the picture offers us

smirklet –

on his lips, he looks

out on us

is a poster, partially obscured by John's right shoulder, head-ed "Palace Pier, NEW LOOK". If we did not already know so much about the central fig-

ure in this photograph, what might we make of it? Who is this trio? Where are they? What were they doing just before the picture was taken and what did they do after the shutter clicked? And above all - why the parrot?
There is a Palace Pier at

Brighton, so let us plump for the south coast resort. The boy and the woman are similarly dark and their faces sug-gest a blood relationship. So she is likely to be his molher. But what about the John Major figure? He is far too young to be the boy's father and much too old to be the woman's son. So he must be something like, say, the boy's tutor (the mother and son perhaps com-ing from a rich Greek family), hired to instruct his young charge in English and remedi-

al accountancy. Our task now becomes much easier. Why are they in Brighton? The tutor has advised them that this pleasant

town is a perfect place to listen to idiomatic English spoken recreationally, rather than the more formal language of the office, factory or school. Their dress is staid because their trip is for a semi-serious purpose. The camera, we must surmise, is being wielded by the woman's chauffeur and chapcrone. When he has taken the picture, they will walk together to a "fish and chip" establishment, there to sample traditional British food - and to be instructed in the areance

arts of condiment deployment. But we are still left with the parrot. Is it a family pet. brought over from Leros or Sidon despite draconian quar-

antine regula tions, and taken every where hy its devoied owners? Or does it belong to John Ma-

uscful prop for provoking discussion with his pupil ("Now Ahmed, tell Polly where you've been today -

jor himself. a

in English, please")? Knowing what we do of Mr Major's subsequent career, we might guess that, in the mid-Sixties (before media training was invented), a parrot could come in handy for an aspirant politi-cian to practice with. A competent parrot might cope quite easily with "I refer the honourable gentleman to the an-

swer I gave earlier." I believe, however, that the bird must be more symbolic than this. Almost certainly, it has a sexual significance. Held in front of our future Prime Minister, it signifies a cockiness, an upright feathery con-fidence. What, after all, do parrots do? They squawk - and they peck. So a parrot is, in a quite literal sense, a pecker. And a large parrot suggests (let us not beat about the hush) a large pecker. When we know
- as we now do - that the woman, Jean Kierans (mother of 13-year-old Kevin), was in fact John Major's lover. then everything - their parrot, his smirk and her smile - be-



Hanoi's wrinkly rulers are not for retiring

Vietnam's leaders are still mentally at war, says Raymond Whitaker

Tou can't accuse them of not seeing the problem clearly. Forces hostile to socialism, says the political report to the eighth congress of Vietnam's Communist Party, "demand the exercise of capitalist-style human rights and democracy, demand a de-politicisation of the state apparatus [and] press for a pluralis-tic and multi-party system with a view to stripping the party of its leadership role."

And what are these "forces

hostile to socialism"? Well, the party's experiments with doi moi, or economic renovation, for one. As the report admits. market economics "contains aspects which are contradictory to the nature of socialism".

The cadres assembled in Hanoi have to decide what to do about it, but one look at them tells you how difficult it will be to find the answer. They have no more in common with one another than do the inhabitants of Hanoi, where traditional conical hats and solar topees are still worn, with the silk-clad, mobile phone-wield-ing people of Ho Chi Minh City. The new Polithuro contains an uneasy mixture of Communist warhorses and would be entrepreneurs: unable to agree on any changes, they have reconfirmed the ruling triumvirate -Do Muoi, the party secretary. President Le Duc Anh, and Vo Van Kiet, the Prime Minister, all over 70 - in their posts.

The foreign businessmen who have poured into Vict-



nam since the US lifted its embargo believed that the country would be the next Asian economic tiger. Any people hard-working and tough enough to see off the French, the Americans and the Chinese in the space of three decades had to be a good bet, they reasoned. And it is true that the economy has grown rapidly in recent years, raising living standards sharply from their previously abysmal levels. But investment is beginning to tail off, and doubts are growing. Not only is the party's appetite for inter-

The gerontocracy still rules in Vietnam Photograph: Reuter ference and control undiminished - in a pre-congress cam-paign against "social poisons", advertisements for many Western products were obliterated or removed - but corruption is endemic.

According to a recent survey carried out by a Hong Kongbased consultancy, propor-tionally more Vietnamese have their hands in the till than anywhere else in Asia. Next comes China, whose Prime Minister, Li Peng, is a guest at the congress, and where the People's Daily came close to admitting this week that the

concentration of power in a few hands made corruption inevitable. Like the Viet-namese, the Chinese know well enough what is wrong. It is just that both Communist regimes reject the obvious solution: giving their citizens the right to choose their own leaders. China has always been simply too big for the centre to maintain absolute control, but in Vietnam it is easier, which in turn makes a decision by the

party to loosen its grip all the more agonising to take. The cartoonist Gary Trudeau has been having fun lately in his Doonesbury strip with a US veteran's inability to come to terms with the present. He returns to Vietnam full of wary defensiveness, only to find the locals completely uninterested in denouncing him - they are too busy wheeling and dealing. But you could make the same jokes bout the country's Communist hierarchy, who often seem equally out of sympathy with the desire of ordinary Vietnamese to get on with their lives.

Having fought so many enemies for so long, much of the leadership in Hanoi remains imprisoned by a war mentality. In this sense, they have more in common with the hairy veterans who hang around the Vietnam war memorial in Washington, peddling their conspiracy theories about Americans still being held in jungle PoW camps, than they do with their younger countrymen.

Football's bitterest pill

William Hartston swallows hard data with disappointing results

events of Wednesday their hoofiganism in a foot-halling context. Thugs are cernight, was responsible for nearly a sixth of the disappointment in this country and more than a lifth of all the hitter disappointment. Over 57 per cent of the national hooliganism is also football related. These are the inevitable conclusions of my computer analysis of the past three years of a cross-section of national newspapers. The

figures make sohering reading: Of the 18,828 articles including the word "disappoint ment" in this vast database, no fewer than 3,126 also contained the word "football". Of the 594 cases of "hitter disappoint-ment". 120 were football related, and of the 1,150 people who have been "hitterly disappointed", football was the implied cause in 267 instances.

Still worse, for every fish that has been gutted (159 in total), there have been more than three gutted footballers (484 altogether). Gutted buildings, however, (518) are still

ahead of the footballers. Surprisingly enough, though, of the 2,699 parrots referred to, only 434 have been siek, and perhaps even more astoundingly, of the 3,342 penalty shoot-outs, only 345 have been dramatic.

Off the field, we have seen 3.255 yobs (of whom 7)3 have had football connections) and 8,088 thugs (1,222 of whom are foothall-related). The hooligans, however, have made the came their own with 1,904 out of a total of 3,329 practising

tainly more vicious than yobs or hooligans - one in 14 thugs is a vicious thug compared with one in 25 yobs and one in 27 hooligans - but they are considerably less ugly (one in 40 compared with one in 29 and one in 26) and less mindless (one in 40) one in 24 and one in 27 respectively for the three groups).

The most significant figures, however, appear when we investigate the connections of mindlessness and football. Of the 1.976 "mindless" incidences, 356 occurred in close proximity to the word "foothall", and of those 356, there were 55 mindless yobs, 76 mindless thugs and 86 mindless hooligans. In other words, while football attracts only one in three of our mindless thugs. and two out of every five of our mindless yohs, it is the natural home for more than 70 per

cent of our mindless hooligans. Is our national sport just unlucky to attract such people? The figures do indeed confirm that football attracts more than its fair share of bad luck. Of the 8,313 occurences of the word "unlucky", 1,415 were in a foothalling context, and one in 22 of those was "desperately unlucky". By comparison, crieketers were unlucky only 660 times and desperately unlucky on only 20 occasions. This shows that an unlucky footballer is 50 per cent more likely to be desperately unlucky than an unlucky cricketer. A bilterly disappointing result for football followers.

PRODUCT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE



'Roseclear'

A regulatory reclassification following a recent rouone review of data on potential eye irritation by the Government's Pesticide Safety Directorate has led to the withdrawal of approval for the sale, supply and use of the garden product 'Roseclear'. Both Zeneca Agrochemicals, the manufacturer of 'Roseclear', and its UK distributor immediately ceased supplying the product to the market and are withdrawing

'Roseclear' has been the leading product for control of pests and diseases on roses and other plants for more than 10 years and is characterised by the absence of adverse effect on bees. ladybirds and a number of other beneficial insects. The issue of eye irritation relates solely to the possible risk of undiluted 'Roseclear' concentrate being accidentally splashed on the eye. Pack labels have always warned of this and, since it was launched in 1982, 40 million applications of 'Roseclear' have shown a maximum of 4 reports of such problems and no other risks once the product is diluted for use (300 parts water to part 'Rosedear').

No other products are affected.

The withdrawal notice means that 'Roseclear' is no longer approved for use by amateur gardeners. A freephone helpline has been set up for gardeners with advice on safe disposal of the product by 18th December 1996 - the date set by the

A separate freephone helpline has been set up for retailers.

'Roseclear' Helpline for Gardeners: 0800 118822 'Roseclear' Helpline for Retailers: 0800 1/9922

ZENECA

Cubby Broccoli

If he wasn't the richest film producer in the world, Cubby Broccoli was certainly one of the most enduring. He made his first film in 1950 and 12 years later, with an adaptation of lan Fleming's spy story Dr No. started producing the most profitable series of films ever.

With his Mafia don looks and air of honeyed affluence, Broccoli might easily have been cast as one of 007's power-crazed adversaries, but for one thing. Everybody liked him. Well, almost everybody. You don't get to be the world's richest producer without hiting a few heads off. "It's a dog-eat-dog business," he said. "I don't think I'm difficult. You just have to remind people you're there."

Having the same name as a vegetable was probably more of a spur than a handicap in his youth. His uncle imported the first broccoli seed to an initially hostile America. Cuhby helped him out on a vegetable farm on Long Island, washing and crating the produce for delivery to Harlem market on horse-drawn carts. For most of his life, Broccoli believed his forebears were peasant farners from southern Italy, until he discovered late in life that his family actually hailed from the north, and were writers, politicians and historians.

Broccoli left the family business to become manager of the United Casket Company. which made coffins, an experience that hardened his resolve tn leave New York and go west. He sold jewellery, cosmetics and Christmas trees on the streets of Los Angeles before finding a fill-time job in the mailroom of Twentieth Century Fox. He progressed to tea-boy, through an assortment of behind-thescenes jobs culminating in assistant director to Howard Hawks on The Outlaw (1943). starring Jane Russell. During the nine-month shoot he

doubled as Russell's bodyguard. In the Second World War he served four years with the US Navy, and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant in the

special services. Returning to Hollywood. Broccoli went to work for Charles Feldman, a leading agent whose clients included Ava Gardner and Lana Turner.

coli came to England in 1950 and set up Warwick Films, with another American emigre, Irving Allen. They made what Broccoli later called "profitable crap", such as Hell Below Zero (1954), The Black Knight (1954), Fire Down Below (1957) and, his own favourite, Zarak (1956), with Victor Mature as an Indian brigand and Anita Ekberg with a ruby in her navel. Warwick also produced the more es-timable The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1960) and The Cock-

leshell Herocs (1955), starring

and directed by Jose Ferrer. Broccoli split with Allen in 1960 and worked on the notioo Of adapting Ian Fleming's Bond stories for the screen. When he tried to buy the rights, he found someone else had an option on them for 28 days, an abrasive Canadian named Harry Saltzman. The two decided to pool their resources and, after being kicked out by most of the hig studios, went to United Artists to ask for a million dollars to make Dr No. They were giveo \$500,000, of which \$100,000 had to go to Ian Fleming, plus 5 per cent of the profits.

As the hudgets increased and the pheoomenon grew, Fleming's books became largely redundant. So long as the screenplay crackled with oneliners and the plot made reasonable sense, what really mattered was the gadgetry and special effects. Broccoli aequired permissinn from the Fleming estate to carry on making Bonds after the source material had dried up. The series reached its box office peak in 1983 with Octopussy, and has beeo in decline ever since.

The volatile partnership between Broccoli and Saltzman survived nine successive Bond films, Saltzman sold out to United Artists in 1973 for an estimated £17.5m, although Eon Productions, the company they set up together, is extant.

While it may have been primarily a marriage of financial convenience, Stanley Sopel, who worked as a financial adviser to Bon, said theirs was a complementary working rela-tionship that worked, "Cubby was the practical one. He sorted out problems in shooting, or personal relationships. Harry was the ideas man, and every so



Broccoll, centre, with Barbara Bach and Roger Moore, at Pinewood Studios during the filming of The Spy Who Loved Me, 1977. Below, D. No (1962) was the first of the Bond films produced by the Sal

The casting of the then unknown Scan Connery was a reckless, spur-of-the-moment decision they reached jointly. and its unpopularity with the studio bosses convinced them they were right. Their obstina-cy was vindicated when Connery turned out to be a winner with the public, Connery remained a close friend of Broccoli's for two decades, but the relationship soured in the mid 1980s when he tried to sue Broccoli over his alleged share of the profits of the five films he made as James Bond

Broccoli spent a great deal of his time and money on litiga-tion, always fighting to keep control of the cinema's most sought-after gravy train. While he hated paperwork, he would happily spend hours on the telephone, playing cat-and-mouse games with agents over star salaries. Whenever possible, he would avoid using stars in supporting roles, especially female ones, "It doesn't matter who we use, so long as she's beautiful," he once said. He particularly enjoyed the

ofteo he would come up with a films involving Roger Moore, gem." films involving Roger Moore, since he and Moore were friends, and Moore's passion for backgammon helped Broccoli stay away from the gaming tahles. Earlier on in the Bond series, when he and Saitzman first becane seriously rich, he would disappear for days, winning or losing thousands at one sitting. He once broke the bank

at a casino in Macao.

by Broccoli wasn't averse to the occasional burst of flamboyance. One New Year's Eve in Beverly Hills, he covered the five acres of his estate with "real snow". manufactured by means of a snow machine, using tons of real ice. Justifying the vast expenditure later to an incredulous reporter, Broccoli said, "I don't give a damn. I've worked hard. Now and then I feel I can have

Rarely a boastful man. Cub-

Nick Smurthwaite

Albert Romolo ("Cubby") Broccoli, film producer; born Long Island, New York 5 April 1909: OBE 1987; married 1959 Dana Wilson (two sons, two daughters); died Beverly Hills, California 27

Nicholas John

The sudden death of Nicholas John has shocked the opera world. He was in Liechtenstein, leading a group of music lovers to a Schubert festival in Austria when he fell in bad weather during a solitary walk

on a mountain. John was the English National Opera's dramaturge - a term which Kenneth Tynan introduced into the language from German - and the only dramaturge in a British opera company. His responsibilities became greater year by year as his wide knowledge of all aspects of opera, from its history and annals of performance to the practicalities of making repertory works shine anew, and of reviving forgotten works suc-cessfully, became increasingly recognised.

He totally changed the programmes of the ENO so that patrons stopped objecting to the price, given the wealth of readable and relevant information they contained. He filled them with illustrations that he went to endless pains to find, as well as including articles not always directly about the subject of the opera, but in some way con-nected to it. He edited the series of ENO Opera Guides, of which 48 have appeared, each a heavily illustrated paperback with articles, the complete text, thematic guide to the music and much reference material. He hrought out two books, one on Don Giovanni and one on La Traviata, each exhibiting unconventional scholarship, and he had nearly completed the Blue Guide to Operatic Europe. He was to he the next editor of the updated Kobbé's Complete

Opera Book. John was developing an international reputation as a lecturer on opera and a leader of operatic and musical tours, such as the one oo which he died, holiday sidelines to him, which enabled him to fill out his knowledge, build his European contacts and share his enthusiasm for an art that the ENO, in contradistinction to Covent Garden, has struggled to keep affordable, democratic and spread over a wide and adventurous repertoire. He was the backroom boy par excellence, who increasingly had carned his right to be in the front room.

Although he was very much a part of the old team (Jonas/ Elder/Pountney) that had scored so many successes in the past decade, he had no difficulty in adapting to the current one. which recognised how much it needed him by increasing his

responsibilities as literary

manager.
Nicholas John was born in 1952 and educated at Westminster and University College, Oxford. He became a solicitor before his obvious penchant for the arts led him to desert the law for a job with the Harrogate Festival and the ENO, which he joined in 1976. The idea for the Opera Guides was his and he approached me as a musical publisher in 1979 when we decided to make them much more comprehensive than his original plan, adding the complete text. Over the years they were revised and enlarged and are now the bestknown such series in the world.

John's tastes were wide and he kept up with modern theatre and non-operatic music, constantly making matches between those who worked in different arts. He played a ma-jor role in the Colseum's outreach programmes and their workshops to bring new works into being. His creativity would undonhtedly have evidenced itself in opera production, either as a librettist or producer. He leaves a gap that it will be extremely difficult to fill.

Two things always struck peo-ple about Nick John, writes the Eart of Harewood: his knowledge of opera and his enthusi-asm. We were lucky to employ him at English National Opera as sooo as he had made up his mind what he wanted to do, and his qualities were invaluable. At first he struck ooe as rather closed in, even forbidding, hut

league, he said: "Just make It worked; he beamed, and we became friends. After I left ENO's management and became chairman, I used to see him quite frequently and last year asked him to take over the editorship of Kobbé's Complete Open Book, an enlargement and revision of which we planned and on which I would work with him. Again, those two qualities

when I mentioned this to a col-

were heavily in evidence. I found him packed with · knowledge of rare works, full of enthusiasm about writing about them, and we laughed at the same things. We had been working assiduously together for the first six months of this year, his death means the loss of a valued friend as well as a colleague.

Nicholas John, writer, editor and dramaturge: born 18 August



Ted Nightingale

Ted Nightingale was blessed never failed to impress anyone meeting him for the first time - a deep love for life in Africa. first in Sudan and theo in Kenya, and a fierce determioation to make the best of every circumstance. He played polo until he was 85, retiring only when his horse grew too old. And at 90 he forced himself to do something that often flummoxes men half his age: he learnt tu use a computer to write his first book, which will

be published next year. It is unfashionable to find anything good to say about the British in Africa, hut Nightingale was the best sort of colonial officer, Modest, humorous unfailiogly kind, he was concerned above all with the wellbeing of those who came within

his charge and always enthusiwith two characteristics that astic about any new venture they

ters, of a Devon vicar, Nightingale went to Rughy and theo to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where a chance meeting with another Emmanuel graduate, on leave from the Sudan. fired up his enthusiasm. He sailed for Port Sudan in 1926, armed with a half a dozen white lawn shirts with detachable collars from Hawkes in Savile Row - which would oever be worn - and ready for a life that depended more on nous than oo social niceties.

All new recruits to the Sudan political service were put on two years' probation, until they passed crams in Arabic and law. Fur all that, they often found themselves in sole charge of a

vast area from the very begin-ning. Nightiogale served in before breakfast. He also learnt rather than quit the country al-Darfur, Gezira, Nyala and 10 play polo, which became a together as many other British al-Ghazal district in southern Sudan, among the Dinka tribesmeo whom he came to respect and admire. Trekking oo camelback - sometimes for as much as 10 hours a day - he acted as a magistrate, assessed taxes on crops, settled grazing disputes between warring tribes, and filled in some blank spots on the

extracromary gentle spy in all fiction....

James Bond

map for the survey department.
Although Nightingale was ordered by the administration to stay at his post throughout the Second World War, not all his work was drudgery. The cattle-loving Baggara Arabs of southern Darfur often called him out to shoot the lion and leopard that attacked their herds. Nightingale became a

and kent an array of pets, including two chee-tah named Swan and Edgar.

Photographs: Ronald Grant Archiv

He retired from the service just before Sudan gained independence in 1954 after serving as governor of Equatoria province, again in the south, where he became active in the growing controversy between northern and southern Sudan.

Determined not to leave Africa, Nightingale aod his Kenyan-born wife, Billie Ray, whom he had married in 1944, moved to be close to her parents in Kenya. At the height of the Mau Mau, they bought a farm oo the Kinangop. Nine years later they were forced to leave it when Kenya gained in-dependence in 1963, hut chose

set about developing the biggest turkey farm in Africa. Starting out with 250 day-old poults, the enterprise swelled until today it produces 30,000 hirds a year.

He and Billie had a marriage of uousual closeness and their farm was a draw for all kinds of visitors in search of company, advice, or just a glass of whisky. At a party 10 celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1994, Billie surprised their eight grandchildren by donning her wedding dress and dancing till the small bours.

He died, after a brief illness. while on leave in England. The former British high commissioner "Johnny" Johnson gave the address at the funeral. But

the last word was given to Simon ingale had taught to play polo side after the family funeral near Cheltenham, Kusevo grabbed a clump of earth in his hand and said to another mourner in Kiswahili, "Kweli, hii ne kwaheri ya kweli" ("Truly this is the last goodbye"). Nightingale was such a fixture in Kenyan life, his farm workers, when they hear the tape of the funeral, will find it hard to believe he is gone.

Fiammetta Rocco Edward Humphrey Nightingale, colonial administrator and farmer: born 19 . August 1904; Governor, Equatoria Province, Sudan 1952-54; CMG 1955; married 1944 Billie Ray (three sons, one daughter), died

Births. Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

2.41% On 21 June, to Taces thee Cromint and David, a third bonny daughter, Cecils, a sister for Athene

DEATHS

OAVIES JONES: Eva, widow of Har-n Davies Jones, mother of Jestyn and Louise, grandmother of Leah, sud-denly on 22 June. Service at St Paul's Chirch, Bedford, on Thesday 2 July at 11.30am to which you are all wel-come. Donations to Impersal Cancer Research Fund preferred in lieu of flowers to be sent co Charabut & Plumbs 1t Kingsway, Bedford Tele-Plumbe, II Kingway, Bedford Tele-phone 01234 354547. Ye hyn a allodd non, ia a'i gwnaeth.

KING: Mary, MBE, of Bourne End, Bucks, died on 27 June, peacefully at Wittenthe General Hospital, aged 91 Cremation at Chilum, Crematorium, Amersham on Thorsday 2 July, Spin. Family flowers only. If desired, do-nations to British Fleart Foundation. Enquiries to G. Smith, Funeral Dr. rectors. Wooburn Green, 0to28 523550.

WILLIAMSON: Mark, who showed enormous courage in his fight against enorators contage in his fight against Ands, hypocrass, prejudier, and injustice. He died, aged 34, shortly before Midsummer's Day, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London W2. He was always surrounded by friends and will live on through them. A celebration of his life, for his hundred closest friends, will be held at the London Lighthouse on the morning of Llub. People who knew him well should People who knew him well should contact the Lighthouse this weekend for details of arrangements and the allocation of donations. With all my

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS picase telephone 0171-293 2011 or fax to 0171-293 2010,

Birthdays

TODAY: Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, 85; Mr Richard Alexan-der MP, 62; Mr Ian Bannen, actor. 68: The Hon Charlotte Bingham, au-68: The Hon Chartotte Brigham, au-thor, 54: Dr. Jeremy Bray MP, 66: Lord Comwallis, former chairman, Town and Country Building Society, 75: Mr David Denaldson, painter, 80: Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton. chairman, Association of County Councils, So, Sir Frank Gibb. president. Taylor Woodrow Con-struction, 69; Lady Greengross, director-general. Age Concern Eng-land, 61; Mr George Howarth MP, 47. Sir Rex Hunt, former Governor an Hotton Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, 65; Sir Miles trying, Professor of Surgery, Manchester University, 61; Professor Martin Jones, archaeologist, 45; Mr Rafaet Kubelik, conductor, 82; Mr Michael McIntyre, yachtsman, 40; Mr Nigel Richardson, Headmoster, The Perse School, Cambridge, 48; Mr Geoffrey Wootley, journalist, 81. TOMORROW: Sir Max Brown, for-

mer senior civil servant. 82: Mr Richard Bull, former Headmaster, Rughy School, 66; Mr Ian Hay Davi son, chairman, Storehouse, to: Mr John Doble, High Commissioner to Swaziland, 55: Mr John Fraser MP, 62. Mr Keith Grant, former Direc-tor, Design Council, 62; Mr Tony Hatch songwriter and lyricist, 57: Li-Gen Sir Henry Leask, former Gen-eral Officer Commanding for Scotland, 83; Mr David Lidir MP. 40; Mr James Loughran, con-ductor, 65; Sir Eric Richardson, former Director, Polytechnic of Ceotral London, 91; Mr Mike J.K. Smith, cricketer and rugby player, 63; Mr Mike Tyson, heavyweight boxer, 30.

Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Conte Giacomo Leopardi, poet, 1798; Antoine-Maric

The second second second

Roger de Saint-Exupery, aviator and author, 1900; Nelson Eddy, actor and singer, 1901. Deaths: Thomas Addison, physician and discoverer of "Addison's disease", 1860; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet, 1861; Joseph Aloxxius Hansom, inventor of the hansom cab, 1882; Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist, 1895; Paul Klee, painter, 1940; tenaz Jan Paderews-ki, pianist and statesman, 1941; Jayne Mansfield (Vera Jayne Palmer), actress, killed in a car crash 1967: Lana Turger (Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner), actress, 1995. On this day: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre was burned down, 1613, the Theatre was formed down, 10 13; the Daily Telegraph was first published, 1855; the Press Association was founded, 1868; an Act legalising Trades Unions was passed, 1871; the foundation stone of Westminster Cathedral was laid, 1895; Sir Roger Casement, an Irish revolutionary, was ed to death for treason. 1916; US troops were withdrawn from Korea, 1949; US planes bombed Hanoi, North Vietnam. 1400. Today is the Feast Day of St assius of Narai, St Paul the Apostle, St Peter the Apostic and Saints Salome and Judith.

TOMORROW: Births: John Gav. poet and playwright, 1685; Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, surgeon and botanist, 1817; Harold Joseph Laski, politician and economist, 1893; Walter Utbricht, East German leader, 1893, Deaths: Dr Lee De Forest, radio and sound engineer, 1961; Margery Louise Allingham, novelist, Margery Louise Allingham, novelist, 1966: Nancy Freeman Mitford, au-thor, 1973: Littian Hellman, play-wright, 1984, On this day: the use of the pillory was abolished by Parliament, 1837; the Stamp Tax on news-papers was abolished in Britain, 1855; Blondin, the acrobat, crossed Niagara Falls on a rightrope with a man on his back, 1859. Tower Bridge in London was officially opened. 1894; an enormous natural explosion,

the largest in modern history, took place in Siberia, 1908; the novel Gone With the Wind was first published, 1936; Guernsey was occupied by German forces, 1940; the Soviet spacecraft Sovie 11 returned to Earth but all three cosmonants were found to be dead in their seats, 1971. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Bertrand of Le Mans, St Emma, St Erentrude, St Martial of Limoges, St Theobald or Thiband of Provins and The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: David Huckvale, "Music, Morris and Con-temporary Victorian Artists", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Margaret Wolfir, "A Woman of Importance Elizabeth Garrett Anderson", 3pm TOMORROW

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Jackson Pollock and the Real Mc-Coy", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Simone Mathews, "Pompeo Batoni and Por-traits of the English Gentleman on the Grand Tour", "pm.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

A postcard from Babylon-on-Sea So here the Methodists are in Blackpool.

Bahylon-by-the-Sea! Our Annual Conference is playing at the Winter Gardens. We have struggle through a forest of ads for the National Lottery and a mass of chirping slot machines. We seem to be surviving uncorrupted. The most innocent delegates are the most disappointed. "Is that it?" they complain, as they peer into yet

another drag-queeo revue.

As you walk away from the centre of town, however, the glitz soon gives way to seediness. You see the truth of the claim that the poorest parts of Blackpool fare as hadly as those of the poorest parts of Manchester. As in so many seaside towns, budget bed-and-breakfast holiday accommodation has turned into Social Security funded B & D, offering permanent holidays in hell.

We have spent a lot of time worrying about poverty. It is only at the conference that you realise how many Methodists are directly engaged in the issues. How do we keep so much work going when we are ourselves hard up? And we tend to be much better at denouncing poverty than

understanding il.

It was in this setting that Alan Deacon,
Professor of Social Policy in Leeds, gave our annual Beckly Lecture. He dared to suggest that the argument has been about resources for too lung, and now it needs to be about the behaviour that the welfare system imposes on the poor. It is true that it is wrong to "blame the victim", but that has now become a slogan that suppresses thought. Deacon produced a startling quotation from the fourth-century preacher John Chrysostom, who had never been to Blackpool: "You who spend the

faith preason cruelty at a distance. Nor is the Left exempt from it. Their refusal to see that dependence within the family and

The Rev John Kennedy argues this week that we can no longer neglect or ignore the moral consequences of poverty and the ways in which they create more misery for the poor.

gossip about the whole world, think you are not idle. And then you look at some-one who spends the entire day begging, in tears and suffering, and you dare ask for an account!"

Great stuff. But this tradition of denunciation has now run on the rocks. For the problem is not any more to shame the rich into charitable giving. It is to judge a system of poverty maintenance that costs £70bn a year, which generates misery for the poor and threatens to bankrupt the country. You can see that fact built large in Deacon's own city; the great, neobrutalist tower of the Department of Social Security, the Ministry of Love, looms over the south side of Leeds.

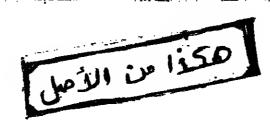
When most of as were much poorer, we lived in families that functioned around a breadwinner upon whom the rest of us were more or less dependent. We didn't know any better, and that dependence was negotiated through something like love. Now we are much richer. But our new forms of dependence are negotiated with days in theatres and merriment, you who the state. That isn't anything like love. It's fine-tuning

dependence on the state has been disastrous. Deacoo passed on A.H. Haisey's udgement that the decline of the family is not only a social evil but "the cancer in the lungs of the modern Left".

Deacon is suggesting that here is another shift in the way we see welfare in our society, and that it has a Christian root. He sees the recent tradition of unconditional welfare as essentially shallow. It claimed to speak for the poor, but it colhided in the present Orwellian ensemble. It refused any discussion of poor people's behaviour and so failed to warn of the corrupting effect of the welfare system.

Deacon reports that Tony Blair wants to change all that. He aims to engage directly with people's capacity for persooal responsibility - to move from a dubious altruism to genuine mutuality. Moreover, we are not to expect anything so feehle as mere exhortation. These new muscular Christians will encourage and compel, in schools, at work, on the dole,

on housing estates. Wow.
It is hard to see anything else working. and in principle such a programme would be welcome to a mass of public service professionals and community workers, from the churches and elsewhere, wanting to sharpen the encouragement and take the edge off the compulsion. This is a vision of remoralisation that could work. But for it to work on a significant scale, how tough do you have to get, and with whom? A system recalling Orwell is bad enough. One that sounds as if it was devised by Cromwell perhaps needs a little



Nicholas John

unit trusts

| Him Fund Court Veter Inter State Court Veter Inter Court Veter Inter Court Veter Inter State Court Veter Inter Court Veter Inter Int | Her Fund Covert Value and State Other Value and State Other Value and State Other Value and State Other State and State Other State and State of St | The Rend Court New Care Chairs Care Chair Rend Court New Care Chairs Care Chair New Chair N | Fausian Evolueura Baine |
|---|--|--|--|
| Gueralin Chargetini 1967 900 2771 854 900 - Republications Plan 1970 1000 703 105 500 9 Cit Maniel | | | Foreign Exchange Rates STERLING Country Spot 1 month 3 months Spot 1 month 3 months Spot 1 months |
| Comparison Com | EMECA STATE OF SEC. 202 7822 782 00 46 (and their | 227 555 NO 86 HEEC Supposed Management (NAT TOO 540 922 780 9 | US 15538 5-3 9-6 1000 06509 |
| AMA SEL German No. 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20 | Company Comp | 20 224 2254 1913 4 1915 | 10079 22019 48-63 162-166 5330 44-61 123-125 10070 10080 45-44 23-125 10070 10080 45-44 23-62 10070 10080 45-44 23-62 10070 10080 10070 |
| Contract Landy Che 498 000 59 522 188 49 500 189 520 1 | Section Control Cont | 100 101 102 102 103 | ECU 12477 5-11 45-40 12454 7-8 23-25 03275 12594 12595 1 |
| String Porticion 1988 500 202 2545 1554 384 384 | ### 464 E00 256 2000 125 E00 256 E00 257 E00 E00 E00 E00 E00 E00 E00 E00 E00 E0 | 20 55 6804 88 20 1 Marca Central 190 500 84 820 000 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 | Norway 10094 20-50 310-200 84966 42-17 10-60 42579 5-981 9821 21-31 98-98 128-22 23-27 64-72 44-257 84-257 10-26 1 |
| | THE PARTY AND AND THE REAL PROPERTY AND THE PARTY AND THE | 20 64 783 63 77 | Subtraction 1948 54-68 95-92 12517 37-34 173-107 05225 Australia* 1952 20-51 67-65 12705 19-21 54-56 G83-45 Hang Keng 12027 101-61 224-170 72406 2-12 5-35 50553 Malitysis 35771 0-0 0-0 24952 4-14 67-60 15582 New Zewinna* 22681 43-57 123-56 14596 30-32 25-90 05588 |
| | ### 250 | 20 25 361 201 | New Zentrat* 22881 49-57 33-58 14996 30-32 85-90 09589 Saudi Arabia 55274 0-0 0-0 37505 2-7 9-14 24539 Singapora 2381 0-0 0-0 0-0 1415 43-30 133-86 05273 |
| Expression of the Computation of | The Sulphia. 785 9009 925 200 927 127 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 | 10 25 25 27 25 25 25 25 25 | OTHER SPOT RATES Country Sterling Doller Country Sterling Doller |
| Section Control Cont | ## Careful Acc ### 500 29 29 29 29 29 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 | 22 2500 100 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 4 | Argenitina 15E21 0.9987 Ngmm 2550.9 8:0300 Aughte 165448 10.7427 Order 0.9985 0.3861 Blazz 15806 100-2 Pulastan 54473 350,069 Grim 129354 83221 Philipsmes 41,7961 26,250 Egypt 52783 3,999 Portugal 24,673 36,500 Franci 72283 45495 Quatur 56,503 3,640 |
| Second Print Solids | Herificial Section 1977 TO 1259 TO 125 | 200 | Egypt 52783 33879 Portugal 251473 56-709 Friend 72263 46486 Cathur 56589 3640 Green 256000 154800 Russia 7802.83 57700 General 256000 301.558 201.620 Sum Atrica 67339 43330 |
| GATCHARDA . Gamen Steer Utilines 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 20 | width Acc 500 7 | 40 401 20 40 401 20 40 401 | Inclin 547387 352300 Talmen 42,8077 575450 Kuretat 04659 02888 UAE 57084 36731 36731 They are at a present factor of the fac |
| Heart Hear | H AMERICA Souther Con the State of the Stat | 2 220 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 25 | Tourist Rates |
| ### 11111000000 A Commit | ## AMERICA ### AME | 2 5 9460 1957 54 March Shimmand 205 200 956 737 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 | E Buye Australis(Bollers) 1860 Franca(Francs) 7000 New Zealand(Bollers) 22000 |
| Libyde Black FFEE CD 496 1000 355 2000 000 ord 1000 ord 1 | and Security 1979 1992 2017 1993 1995 1995 1995 1995 1995 1995 1995 | 5 200 95 10 Politame Portico 125 50000 93 858 106 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Austrac(Schillings) 150700 Germaniy(Marka) 2.2550 Normaniy(Montan) 98000 Sheep(Darkan) 364500 Pertigol(Excutos) 239000 Caracte(Dollars) 36550 Hong Kong(Dollars) 168700 Spanni-Peratas) 18750 |
| ### Section (Control Control C | Additional Supersider 1/62 2220 222 2229 2229 2220 224 Agreet's Lagranger 8520 5320 524 6220 5 | 77 000 707 22 Jahrel Resident St. 77 188 371 269 1944 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | Holend(Saltiers) 2.5625 Japan/Nen) 185.0000 Turkey(Lini) 128662000 Finland(Market) 71000 Molan(Lini) 0.5485 United States(Collery) 1.500 |
| Lapis & Cornell Life Lapis 2000 2 | ### AMERICA ### AM | 1960 2040 205 20 | Interest Rates UK Germeny 2504 Prime 8.754 Decourt 0504 |
| Carbo National Section Carbo National Nation | then Georgh Tr. 407 500 465 1050 1011 701 1011 701 1011 701 701 701 701 | 302 703 103 103 103 Action/Lie Library St. 175 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 10 | France Lombard 450% Decount 500% Belgium tonvertors 350% Canada Fad Funds 535% Central 250% Central 330% |
| Margin Geriel Life Till Acc 1914 1900 1902 2623 2627 1927 | Armidgin 444 550 67 52346 595 44 522 killed kilonomine Acc 1027 500 514 74 74 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 | 465 500 855 23 ABBON EX-Appeared Particle 568 2000 C2 2020 E52 65 64 62 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 | Discount 90% Decount 50% 20-Dey Repo 725% Switzented Decount 150% Attences 260% Decount 325% Repo (Are) 630% Lumberd 425% |
| | | TOE ACRES 114.0 & Above industrial managements 575 TOE 2545 TREE THE 71 | Bond Yields County 5y Yold's 10y yold's County 5y Yold's 10y yold's |
| Personal Paris 2005 200 22 22.5.07 255 16 Personal Paris 2004 200 20 | ### Special Page 1500 647 1881 507 5 6344 748 1862 186 | Col. | LK 77% ZS7 7 k/h ZS9 Nethertands 8% 548 67% 687 LIS 625% 648 69% 87% 59m 150% 603 201% 861 861 Japon 551% 221 37% 35 884 87% 879 105% 862 Australia 37% 849 860% 842 86(pum) 17% 560 7% 6.75 |
| Polysome & General 1985 500 225 425 525 525 525 525 525 525 525 525 | the H.A.M.C. SIGN 9000 68 4000 555 304 Equation For Engineers 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 50 | HAM 2003 CD 22 Since Flora Research 20 479 500 MT 2008 000 TS 15 MD 2008 000 TS 15 M | Germany 539(% 525 625% 65) Seaton 17% 739 6% 814 France 51% 554 725% 648 EQUIDAT 97% 589 7 1% 814 Seaton 25(5)C Marriado Francisco Vigido calculated on local bases. ** Dendina new bandrongia |
| See & Proper Energy horse 249 1000 Mg 540 1001 Mg 540 Mg Mg Genhard Ge 400 Mg 7544 000 Mg | 2273 500 30 265 255 45 129 129 16 German Fre Emiller 1955 500 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 127 | TO ANY TOTAL CONTROL TO MAKE THE TAX OF THE | Money Market Rates |
| Schooler (Affighe) for 1,49 000 256 2004 ggs 2 Shirelet (Affighe) for 250 200 3 in 1227 ggs 2 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 3 0 050 105 4 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 30 050 105 4 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 30 050 105 4 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 30 050 105 4 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 30 050 105 4 Hill Bengal House (Affighe) for 300 30 050 1050 1050 1050 1050 1050 105 | | ## 2020 159 87 Control PE has been seed 550 200 15 10 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 | Intercent. S S' S'n S' S'n S' S' S' S' S S' S' S S' S' S S' S' S' |
| Sect Epithelis (Committee Bill) 200 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 | # Print State County 500 5 | 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | 1813.007 1816 1817 181 |
| Statistical physics (2014) (19 | | 20 955 D45 98 Colombia. Manager 945 000 500 Cros 955 We | Contract Settlement High/Low EstConts Open traded interest |
| | Manuford 1985 500 504 998 158 74 Wheeley Replic Banks 584 400 | TO 4000 One of Committeened STO D fee TOPS top to | Long Cit. (Sep 98) 106-30 106-28 105-27 68713 113450 German Bond (Sep 96) 9570 9587 9521 190630 205423 |
| Migh PRSLIK indus Backer 200 2007 1200 1201 2 Manufacture and 200 100 17 200 100 2 Migh Production and Control of the Control | In Copy Act 507 000 555 MAS 1922 35 Same A Program Cart A Exprior Mas 1925 35 Same A Program Cart A Exprior Mas 1925 35 Same A Program Cart A Exprior Mas 1925 35 Same A Program Cart A Exprise Mass 1925 35 Same A Exprise Mass 1925 35 Same A | 25.1 (28.5 1479.8 1 Emph Star Emph Star Emph Star 1505 1500 152 596 162 54 163 541 150 | LG Bond Sep 99 1645 1648 17020 3568 0 1688 1699 1658 3664 60054 348 5867 3664 60054 348 5867 3688 3427 3402 3403 3688 82778 348 3402 3403 3688 82778 348 3403 3688 3697 3697 3698 3697 3698 3697 3698 3697 3698 3697 3698 3697 3698 3697 3698 |
| Soverging Enter 500 602 455, 1 425 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Installa CC 148 1000 15 2233 92 65 14 Garrant Name Procussion 392 500 61 61 64 67 64 68 68 69 69 7 1 14 14 15 15 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 | 128 202 22 3 17 arrange for red 2 122 200 25 | Mar 977 B665 96.61 98.61 20 N/A Sep 961 96.58 96.59 96.57 2078 196844 Coc 961 96.38 96.60 96.36 25203 2075/6 E.G.U. (Sep 961 95.62 85.64 96.59 56.47 36.44 Coc 961 95.67 85.68 85.43 422 4660 |
| Attentive part (170 mm) 24 mm (170 mm) 25 mm) 25 mm (170 mm) 25 | American by 455 500 60 900 100 44 San & Proper Francy France 177 700 and Grand 185 500 200 200 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1 | TY PROMES On Table 10 Control Busherman 400 0 0 1236 100 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | holian Band Sep 96 1678 1699 1636 36641 60054 Salt Staring Sep 96 9425 9425 9425 9425 9425 SM Euro Van Doct 96 9497 9493 1600 86778 SM Euro Wan Doct 96 9497 9493 1600 86778 SM Euromark Sep 96 9897 9897 9897 9897 Sult Euromark Sep 96 9858 9699 9857 9858 200 N/A Sult Euromark Sep 96 9588 9699 9857 22078 Sult Euromark Sep 96 9588 9699 9857 22078 Sult Euromark Sep 96 9588 969 9748 9750 9743 Frise 100 Sep 96 36990 3780 3780 Frise 250 Sup 96 36990 3780 Sult Euromark Sult Euromark 3780 3780 Sult Euromark 3780 3780 3780 Sul |
| 17 Red Date Comm Servey 476 2000 200 408 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1 | Texture 150 50 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | 53.7 m.gs 193.8 a General Select 7701 0 757 2935 193 297 7.8 KS.m 193.8 d General Select 7701 0 757 2935 193 297 7.8 KS.m 193.8 d General Select 7701 0 757 2935 193 297 7.8 KS.m 193.8 d General Select 7701 0 869 0 52 205 193 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Liffe FT-SE Index Option |
| Best Property Copies C | mertel 8th 588 T00 20 880 178 2 lagber Stellman 485 500 | 28 250 123 & Harm 4 Oak HOPS Mirroget 937 0 98 4042 1065 137 340 329 329 5 Harm of Oak HOPS Norm May 751 2000 20 595 152 598 | Settlement prior: 3709.0 Dissing offer price Call/Put Series 3650 3700 3750 3800 Total/vols Ally 69/19 36/36 15/66 4/107 |
| Berlage Uni Sported (Browner) 1972 1000 Set 4655 Spt 9 Access Procession 1972 1000 Spt 9 27 Section America. Berlage Uni Sported (Browner) 1974 500 1975 1985 1990 1975 1985 1990 1975 1985 1990 1975 1985 1990 1975 1985 1985 1990 1975 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 1985 198 | #CCS-NC 1989 1000 2002 EEZ 198 10 Minute Managed Post in tags 200 and 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20 | #44 MASS 122.6 1 195 Sexual Target Right Growth 195 000 307 252 104 19 1543 1827 180.5 4 1 195 Sexual Target Right Growth 195 000 307 252 104 19 17 17 17 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 | Aug 87/41 57/62 35/90 19/734 5ep 111/64 82/94 59/111 40/142 Oct 190/78 101/98 77/124 56/154 |
| Combined Birth 1977 19700 FSA 2029 197 64 GUNPY (SEED SCHOOL) Copie Card Constitute 1 2025 25 ASSUS 197 64 Finish researcher Brief 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 197 | Threaten Action 500 50 50 505 188 A Real-gay Managel Parties 1055 500 Arrend 40 7 Real-gay Managel Parties 1055 500 1056 10 Real-gay Managel Parties 1055 500 1056 10 Real-gay Managel Parties 1056 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10 | 22 28.5 100 25 J Andready Box Ares Liverage 102 0 205 100 100 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 1 | Commodities INDUSTRIAL METALS - London Metal Exchange |
| Cly Floroid Americ 469 do at 2004 199 do 1500 Cly Floroid Americ 467 190 67 298 102 10 Sweet Linux | marker Acc 65th 5000 1924 1955 1952 10 Carrison Selfs Geneth 6000 100 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 | 29 700 123 24 Logs & Combinaged St. 1977 9000 840 1074 108: 77 | \$\text{Stocke}\$ Cash 3 seths Volume LME Stocks chig \\ \text{Aluminum NG}\$ \text{VEP.72} \text{VEP.865} \text{36565} \text{00CX00} \times \text{3573} \\ \text{Aluminum Alloy}\$ \text{1290-86}\$ \text{1290-86} \text{500} \text{6480} \text{6480} \text{340} |
| Carl MacFridges Convert Sept Store Sept S | THE SOU TO JOSEP THE TO LANGE WHITE PARTY FOR THE TOTAL | 28 1550 107 10 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 | Lond 1920-84 eth-102 eth 12 90250 + 1425 Modell 7854-53 7787-65 16275 1629-8 102 Tin 8055-6,05 505-5 5465 102 303 |
| Finite Request . 1987 700 Rd. Mar. 125 . 22 People Gibel Strat 362 1000 50 8694 947 2 Barry Bespet | Berryan 7888 1981 2011 275.3 5 Duyla Berla General Particip 1992 2000 2012 2014 2014 1992 2010 2014 2014 1992 2010 2014 2014 2014 2014 2014 2014 201 | 544 T6200 955 tj Shinchwitz Henged 5772 000 1980 5912 1049 555 672 5389 502 548 557 557 557 557 557 557 558 557 558 558 | Section Convents C3 SDW 5/7 Sective Springs in extense nanc 19483 15227 10043 Extress as at Friday 25 June PRECIOUS METALS Prices as at 25 June |
| PROTECTION STREET TO STREET TO STREET TO STREET THE STR | 2007 (204 SEE) 200 200 200 TeV 401 Mandraum (PRM Reference Fifth 1982 4790) | THE PERSON DICT OF MODERN MARKET STATE TO THE STATE OF TH | pres fix /oz |
| Gentron PS Life pay 628 500 27 2022 25 5 5 1 NVESTMENT TRUST UNITS Burger Students (Challe pay 62 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | SOURCE SEE SOU 822 825 100 10 ON Control Particle of Fig. 203 500 | 27 7725 000 4 Oction of Killians of Killians of St. 150 255 253 155 Ed | Gold Bulls 20225 24600 Britannius cz 63 34 Mapir Leaf 585400 24259 Source Spire & Son AGRICULTURAL |
| Heavy Cortin Administrating 274 500 23 98001 940 40 London & March and The 125 500 200 800 128 7 Control England | ## Total 100 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 | 20 per 2 | Cocce Collect Barley Pointnes Pointnes |
| HERCENSINE THE TOTAL AND THE SE DEPOSITE OF THE PROPERTY CHAPPE | pare for 165 - 822 7380 125 10 [All Packstady Sambot Crit 1291 50] with 464 50 62 2221 100 15 (All Packstady Sambot Crit 1291 50) with 504 500 60 7722 155 10 [All Packstady Sambot Hardens 500 with 504 500 60 7722 155 10 [All Packstady Sambot Hardens 500 with 504 500 60 772 155 10 [All Packstady Sambot Hardens 600 600 with 504 500 60 772 155 10 [All Packstady Hardens 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 60 | TO THE WAS T PRODUCT HE SEC SO AS THE TOO TO SEE THE TOO TO | Dec 1021 Nov 9767 Jan 10886 Apr (3480 Apr 23 Volt 7,996 Volt 918 Volt 127 Velt 81 Volt 200 White Seguer Freight Wheat Come 1200 Volt 120 |
| MARSOUR Grand 6th 900 See 7th 955 at Residence Francis and Francis Acc 1900 5th 985 100 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Popular 000 800 406 865 757 65 Sun Allman Particle 268 500 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 80 | 8850 20050 556 8 Pelerton libraryold 150 2000 400 404 104 557 45 155 156 2 Pelerton libraryold 257 2000 190 254 194 35 78 856 107 20 Pelerton libraryold 257 2000 154 554 108 4 | LCE \$/towns LCE \$12hrdex.pt LCE Ditoms CBOT# Cents.bushel Aug 30080 Auf 1210 Auf 17000 H4-Lo Sett Oct 30180 Auf 1210 Sep 11175 Auf 3600-47000 95500 Dec 307200 Volt 274 Nov 10380 Sep 3373-578650 39775 |
| Legal & Granual Strategy (In 1977) 200 200 200 200 300 4 Horacon Property 661 500 227 8544 500 7 Paging Strategy (In 1978) 200 200 200 200 300 4 Horacon Property 661 500 227 8544 500 7 Paging Strategy (In 1978) 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20 | Send Case Strip Store State Strip St | 255 8552 1007 Atr Projettle Registrati 373 8 75 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10 | Wolf 1,010 Indiaz 1193 Volt. 206 Dec 36000-35050 SSSSO Other Selts (Agricultural) May Mater (NaSy** Storme uno July Soja Olf FL/100kg 9100 |
| Mili Contail 2011 500 May 1995 10 M Alberto but force Cont. Acc. 2017 10 M Contail 10 M Rebardo but force Cont. Acc. 2017 10 M Contail 10 M Rebardo but force Cont. Acc. 2017 10 M Contail | And Coppe 1884 SOO 1727 2017 TO A AND Reside Comparison 1871 1000 | ELS 1220 MAD & SCHOOL MAD SO THE TIS NO | Aby-Nuj Copes (1) Sharme 1880 May-Nuje Cotenut Oil (1) Sharme 1850 Aby Corton (NY) U.Scamillo 72.40 Aby Surfaceme Oils Sharme 5700 Aug Whol Accepting 8850 Aug Col Represent Oils F1.7000 6.25 |
| Mentry Gelin Bus Crop Age 507 500 501 502 504 502 504 503 504 505 504 505 | #81 500 148 525 150 9 Med Curtor Shall Companies 367 2000 246 500 148 522 200 33 State Catari UK Small Cata 444 500 682 575 2012 52 States Liv Strate Catari 647 500 | 2027 240 524 38 Section Production for region 270 502 502 103 107 502 502 502 103 107 502 502 502 502 502 502 502 502 502 502 | Ady Rubber Moonting 3545 June Lily Groundrus OI Strome 915.0 Onglet Robert Co berry origin 1974 Select Indonesia Technyes "Th Europe Source: F1 Information Resident ENEMISY Products 1 (S/berret) Genesia (E-trome) WTI Products 1 (S/berret) |
| Middle Charles Charl | ground bunch 1981 300 34 (253) 97 60 8 gainty (Affordus Companios 479 500 89 2897 1894 1899 89 2891 1894 1894 1894 1894 1894 1894 1894 1 | 34 708 055 9 State White-March 1 76 2507 9507 950 102 89 402 105 950 1 | #FE 5.30pm "chg Yr ngo IFE close "chg fipm Spot CF North West Europe Aug 18.95 -0.26 18.58 Jul 18775 +0.00 Aug 2035 Unineded Gasoline 183785 (Spot 18.29 -0.21 18.55 Aug 18800 -0.75 Sap 2010 Aughstra 175779 |
| | STZ 2007 797 80244 477 24 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 1 | 100 404 200 7 Survive Followayer 655 500 794 2558 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 | Oct 1736 422 1853 Sep 16500 425 Oct 1945 EC Garoli 1687172 VCC 26869 Indiat 1879 Vol. 19467 Nov 1970 Heavy Flad OI 6436 *********************************** |
| Pepti Courie 677 000 35 967 922 12 93-30-rel international 679 200 85 7538 042 49 Perticular Courie 7 900 35 967 32 12 12 93-30-rel international 679 500 05 122 100 85 7538 042 49 Pepti Courie 7 900 05 967 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 | | 955 Table will all Shartde For Marriaged 5506 2000 1400 2800 140 280 | COMMODITY INDICES -GSCI Indices Base date +Spot %Day Cbg Dec 31st %Triodicity Year ago % Yr chg colex 970=100 20209 +105 20350 -399 (7505 +545 |
| Profestal UK Growth 185 TEO 4841 1984 1981 28 CU Homerwise 485 TEO 49 285 TEO 125 Light 1987 Cont. | Total 100 47 47 589 589 581 | 753 (1552 150) 25 Sentant Lis Verlaged 1977 500 2500 653 1078 169 169 1679 1679 1679 1679 1679 1679 1 | Ground |
| Processed Id: Converted and St. Converted and St | 200 Stoke Action 200 Sept 2 | 509 44020 220 39 120 February 450 500 500 250 250 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1 | recouls seems 1973=100 48453 -0.44 48886 -267 501.37 -3.36 success Goldman, Sache & Co 700c0 at c1 to June 36 |
| Street UK Branch Act 160 000 0002 0005 100 4 Robby Instantive IPP 750 000 103 400 202 20 105 Response | m Acc 302 900 500 2655 222 20 Learner (K. Shell Cale Growth 560 5000 1 seich Film 108 900 22 2578 196 57 Legal & Germel (K. Shell Care Film 108) 1000 1 seich 108 900 229 1002 105 10 Legal & Germel (K. Shell Care Film 100) 1000 1 | ## 444 | 100 Largest Insurance Funds |
| Sett Equation Official Tr. 480 850 853 4572 1788 S Pleased Capital Foreign 600 850 1857 77 Married States | 120 100 227 1022 105 161 1056 18mir Son Cala A Prac Acc 280 1000 4 1000 | | Story English Ser 4 2002 2733 Legal & Outmand Managood Account 503.0 1000 |
| Sect Manual Select (1953 Acc. 1200 500 \$17 1001 185 46 Pennry Protein Frontier 1 1000 279 505 120 27 Melhelle Maryan Acc Sect Manual Select (1954 Acc. 1200 185 66 500 185 67 1000 185 66 500 185 67 1000 185 67 1 | max 250 50 at 950 to 122 for Reputal IV Seater Column 500 500 100 for 750 500 100 to 100 for 750 500 for 100 for | 200 Me77 182 54 September 201 Merch 192 Merch | THE MALE COME THE COLUMN CONTRACTOR OF THE COLUMN C |
| Treatment Mr. Class City page 500 6 700 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 | THE STO SE THE SE ST Extract I Sand Cat led | 282 2856 285 28 4 Top three perferences pands of each active are highlighted in bold as the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top three perferences pands of each active are highlighted in bold as the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top three perferences pands of each active and the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top three perferences pands do not be perfectly as the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top three perferences pands do not be perfectly as the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top three perfectly as the sea (650 285) 49 1 Top th | Jand Dumber Gein 4 High Income Ser 2 385. 383. 383. 383. 384. 384. 384. 384. 384 |
| 198 Bran Count's Acc. 1065 500 108 1073 106 59 (67 bit will be both Bran 1078 500 507 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 1 | 779 200 007 Beld 199 45 75 Son Beld Willerfeld Shell Beld 199 46 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10 | 7 | XA Egolly & Lave LK Eq Ser 5 199.6 129.0 HPT Managed 199.0 Sep 2 194.20 Sep 2 194.2 |
| Auftr Jacobs 875 500 1804 2044 1221 2 MARSTO Global Pol March 1707 1000 45 1220 100 107 507 507 507 507 507 507 507 507 507 5 | Court : 965 000 405 1250 1252 12 Wheeley Party State 125 400 | ### 1885 192 17 SECTOR AVERAGES 60 1900 253 29 Ford | MFG Segritor Mand 3553 4048 Royal Scottin LK Equity Brid 3051 3051 3151 3151 3151 3151 3151 3151 |
| Althorne income Balton in: 1985 500 70 months of 1985 201 Legal Africane (Other Govern 1985 1995 507 East 20 54 Sort Expense can | 201 100 200 200 100 200 100 100 100 100 | PAN | agle Stor Managed 2 WELT SEES Great Province With Product |
| Bally Constitutions to the State of the Stat | Emper 250 100 to 386 250 7 Balls Group Parks 200 500 8 | 7.2 BLF 179.6 2 CA & Fined Injurest SED 00.1 25 E B 20.0 10.1 25 E B 20.0 | arthy Performance SS2 SS3 South Micross Hameltonia SS4 SS5 South Micross Hameltonia SS4 SS5 South Micross Hameltonia SS4 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 SS5 |
| Berling List Income | County 384 500 75 652 107 50 887 107 50 887 107 50 887 107 50 88 107 107 50 88 107 107 50 88 107 107 50 88 107 107 50 88 107 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 | EC 1908 405 (C) Compos 92 2 156 21 G 127 855 50 9 Australia 21 165 4 6 G 127 205 150 9 Appeal 727 500 65 G 128 105 105 10 10 Feb Law (Packadhy Appeal) 655 1052 70 G 105 1050 1050 10 Feb Law (Packadhy Appeal) 655 1052 70 G 105 1050 1050 105 Feb Law (Packadhy Appeal) 655 1052 70 G 105 1050 1050 1050 1050 1050 1050 1050 | Seman Acceptor, 1400 FORT 52.7 Standard For East 1825 1839 A Prov Manual Migd Ond 6545 6585 Standard Firms Insurent 4085 4285 A Prov Manual Migd Ond 5546 5500 Rhondard Manual |
| Burking Life Scale Income 472 500 962 965 965 155 | Control Sec. | ES PAR 186 ES 2 Empts | ### A Prov. Minute Fog Cell ### A Prov. Minute ### A |
| Capif Core Income 5 Growth 11 (1975) 5 300 7 18 6950 200 8 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 | 1,500 1000 25 7765 500 50 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 20 965 962 1 Comercia & City 9 005 97 965 2 1 Comercia & City 9 005 97 965 97 97 965 9 | Command Migragued Ser A 6022 674.4 501.1 lia Missingrof Acc 102.5 10064 |
| THE DESCRIPTION OF SECURITY AND SECURITY OF SECURITY O | An Jac. 1864 500 263 1824 1972 2 Cambridge Burg Ring 280 500 2 | 100 100 14 107 1227 122 19 ******************************** | gal & General Equity Acc 19422 wrg.) 1789 Homebuyer 2549 2799 gal & General International Acc 946.7 682.9 138 Managed 332.4 348.0 |

cal

SON BENNI

эт⊋ Сапева: hn Donald y ced, raspecte this taste for 28829 (40) 403 maken wheelentrine stiens see I WARN COM erien terulm Donald a dete js yestereny je of source for co hi Bailes an read water to The convicts is sent shock , police sere erroing questic at in which of than confident er tillgår own ur to the common ith apparent is Since the cas

Serverchan B the by because don by BBe tara ura comer map officers is undervoted. $\psi_{a,b}(t,a) = W_a(t,b)$ imisted police Pondal's cor shed m sigmin with East R. spirid (SERC) emplete texte andling, the inhigh eight other

ÖKO

ÖKO

• 5.0 F_a :: Sum

والمحاولات ومحاولات no myoked. In addition.

passes into the .

aispezis, inclu

Single Who is a

angus or polic

ng arom the

uning, his bee

he unfortal ter-

anti may have

NIGEL COPE

A former Rolls-Rowce aero-

engineer netted £7m vesterday

when his chain of seven Pitchor & Piano theme bars was sold

for £20m to Marston, Thomp-

son & Eveshed, the regional

the Pitcher & Piano chain as a

single bar in Fulham West Lon-

don in 1986, Yesterday Mars-

tone said the bars would provide

a retail brand to match its Pedi-

Marstons hopes to double the

number of Pitcher & Piano bars to 14 with outlets in Is-

lington, Newcastle Glasgow,

Manchester, Leeds and Edin-

burgh.
The deal underlines the high

vidue of themed or branded

pubs and restaurants. It follows

brewer and pub group.

Crispin Tweddel, 49, started ital group also owns a stake in

ubstand restaurants. It follows Tweddell, 48, who used to work similar bout of corporate at the Fitch and Wolff Olins de-

STOCK MARKETS

3711 00 +32 20 +0 9

4353 20 +12.30 +0.3

1870 90 + 13.80 + 0.7

1856.33 +12.42 +07

\$684.55 +7.02 +0.1 5778.08 5032.94 2.17 22530.75 +29.14 +0.1 22666.80 19732.70 0.70:

11020 90 +18.45 +9.2 11594.99 10204.8° 1332; 2561.39 +9.77 +0.4 2573.69 2253.36 1.834

Indices FT Smar Can

FT All Share

Dieter Bock made an important breakthrough yesterday in the rebuilding of Lonrho, the former Tiny Rowland fieldom, buying back a one-third stake in the company's Metropole hotel chain from Muammar Gadaffi's Libyan government. Mr Bock said the \$389m (£250m) deal meant that a proposed three-way split uf Lonrho later this year, hiving off hotels and Airican trading operations from

the company's mining core, could go ahead. Mr Bock said a traditional demerger of the three businesses. which would have handed shares to existing Lonrho shareholders, had been shelved because of tax complications in



16 DUSINESS

BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098

many of the countries in which Lourho operated, tastead, the hotels and trading operations will be sold off, by the year-end,

Polson pill neutralised: Dieter Bock's (left) buy-back of Muammar Gaddafi's Metropole stake unshackles Lonrho

Analysis speculated that the deal in effect but Lontho's mining interests up for sale. Mr in public offerings of shares. to sell his 18 per cent stake in

group, which has an option over the shares.

Hotel deal paves way for Lonrho split

He will reinvest some of the proceeds in the African trading husiness and plans to head up the new company.

That would give Anglo, which earlier this year bought a 6 per ceot stake in Loutho from Mr Rowland, the former chairman. a near-25 per cent holding in the rump mining operation, whose higgest asset by far is a shareholding in the separately quoted Ashanti Goldfields.

It acquired the shares, and the option over Mr Bock's holding this year, after a proposed mining merger with Gencor was blocked by the Enropean

Other senior executives from

Lonrho to Anglo American. Lonrho will also transfer to £800m. The African trading the African trading business after the split, and the company will probably take the Lourho name, in effect creating a "new Lonrho". The rump Lonrho will have no equity interest in the trading or hotels operations

following the transactions. Lonrho is paying the Libyans \$389m for the Metropole stake, removing a poison-pill holding that was widely seen as pre-venting a planned flotation of the hotels operation.

The price was struck by

adding a notional rate of interest to the \$307m the Libyans paid for the shares in 1992. Analysis think the hotels oneration, which includes the British Metropole chain as well

hotels, could be worth up to

about £500m on it, although analysts admit that its collection of agriculture, motor import, property and manufacturing businesses are hard to value accurately

Mr Bock said he plans to have a stake of between 20 and 25 per cent in the African operations, which might include some or all of Lourho's African hotels and possibly the Hondo oil and gas business in the US.

He described the African trading company as a unique vehicle for institutions to gain an exposure to the growing economies of Africa. Emerging markel funds are expected to be among the new company's

largest shareholders.
The hotels operation is ex-

ant hotel market as occupancy and room rates continue to recover from the industry's deep

recession in the early 1990s. Recent hotel company flotations have all moved to early premiums.

News of the proposed changes at Lonrho accompanied interim figures, showing a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £52m to £60m. Earnings per share increased from 3.2p to 3.7p and a maintained dividend of 2.25p will be paid. Borrowings, which Mr Bock said he hoped the flotations would almost completely re-

move, were £579m. Lonrho's share price, which reached a low of 59p after the sale of the Metropole stake in 1992 closed 3p higher at 185p.

£1m pay bonanza sparks new row at Grid

MICHAEL HARRISON

A fresh pay storm erupted at the National Grid yesterday after it emerged that one of its directors is in line for a £1m pay and perks bonanza under a new share option scheme unveiled

Mike Grabiner, chief executive of the Grid's telecommunications subsidiary Energis. will be entitled to share awards worth four times his £200,000year salary provided certain performance targets are met.
Five other Energis directors.

including finance director Chris Hibbert, are in line for share awards worth three times their earnings. The Grid defended the share option scheme, saying that Energis was operating in a competitive markel and that significant incentives needed to be put in place this year to stimuate performance. Mr Grabiner and Mr Hibbert

Fresh China

ION WILLEY'S A

25.50

110.2

 $\mu_{B^{-1}B^{-1}}$

grip on "

537

مدلخا

De 141

dest :

g. 41.

nert 0 nc 1 %

off after

600 ·

a140.

Jahr -

U.S.

Por G The Country

T2-11.2 Allol is

The state of

genter.

foods

47≪**!!

 $\eta_M I_{\rm tot} = 0$

were recruited at the beginning of the year from BT to help bolster the fledgling telecoms op-erator. Losses at Energis rose from £53m to £73m last year and it is not forecast to break even until 1999-2000 when sales are expected to have grown to £400m. The Grid is also in talks, how-

ever, to sell off a stake of up to 49 per cent in Energis with AT&T, the giant American telecoms group, among the likely bidders. The Grid, hitterly criticised last year for the huge share windfalls directors netted from its flotation, has also introduced a new share scheme for its main board executive directors.

Chief executive David Jones

and four other directors will be eligible for free shares equivalent to their annual performance bonus this year provided the bonus is invested in share for three years.

ceived £204,000 in pension

Group of Seven summit: Leaders agree to work on increasing relief for poorest countries but skate over detail Third World is given vague pledge on debt tained in the economic com-



MARY DEJEVSKY

The leaders of the world's richest nations agreed vesterday to work fur an increase in debt relief for the poorest countries and to tighten world trade reg- and skated over impurtant ulations to discourage unilateral action by individual countries.

munique presented by President Jacques Chirac of France on behalf of the Group of Seven industrialised countries meeting at their annual summit in Lyon. were couched in general terms points of disagreement.

tion by individual countries.
But the two decisions, con-

UK offers lead on closer regulation

The British government has how to regulate financial conproposed that every international bank or financial institudon should be supervised by a "lead" regulator, writes Diane

At the G7 finance ministers' meeting in Lyons yesterday Chancellor Kenneth Clarke pul forward the proposal as a key step in improving co-operation on financial regulation.

The call comes in the wake of several high-profile scandals in the past few years, involving Barings, Daiwa Securities and the on-going Sumitomo copper

The two main supervisory hodies, the Bank for Internanonal Settlements (BIS) and International Organisation of Securities Commissions (Iosco). have spent the past year filling in an outline for closer co-op-eration published in July 1995.

glomerates with a wide range uf activities around the globe.

According to senior Trea-sury officials, the British proposal is intended to give a sharper focus to the regulators' discussions. The idea is that an international bank or securities firm would have a "lead" or "convening" regulator with the responsibility for co-ordinating information and calling meetings of all the other regulators overseeing a particular

financial institution. investment bank, say. Other regulaturs would retain their ex-

isting responsibilities. The BIS and losco will continue drawing up measures giving a clearer outline of possible The aim has been to work out roles for different supervisors. hution of the order of \$2bn.

Sweet £7m of notes for

Pitcher & Piano player

fur the Magic Pub Company, a

group of nearly 300 pubs founded by Michael Cannon.

tune via the Piper Trust, his in-

vestment vehicle which also

rants. The trust's venture cap-

the Sofa Workshops furniture

chain and Pied a Terre, a group

of fashionable shoe shops. He

will stay on as chairman of

at trendy 18-35-year-olds with

a relatively high disposable in-

come. With an emphasis on

quality design and a high level

of cumilort, the bars include

stripped wood floors, waitress

service food, sofas and the

obligatory grand piano. Mr

TRUE BEAR TRUE LINE YOUR (%)

1945,40 1816.60 3 94

1924 17 1791 96 3 86

36.79 50

4015 30 3 43

ines

Prosh Botesh

The Pitcher & Piano is aimed

Pitcher & Piano.

cheque-waving last week when sign consultancies, says he ground next year.

more Cranks whole food restant

Mr Tweddel has made his for-

communique salisfied the desire of the host country, France, and Japan to focus attention on help for the least developed countries. Britain and the US were also satisfied by the emphasis on assistance linked to the development of free market economies and encouragement for private enter prise and the exercise of financial discipline, which accompanied very mention uf aid.

The G7 also set out a series of proposals for reforming and rationalising UN organisations connected with foreign aid, including the appointment of a single under secretary-general to handle development. The move seemed intended to sideline a dispute between the US and European countries about whether the current UN secretary-gen-eral, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, should serve a second term.

A key point of discord in preparation for the summit. however, the question of whether the IMF should sell a small part of its gold reserves to fund additional debt relief, was referred to only obliquely - and immediately interpreted differently by several of the participants. The communique said only that "If In most cases the choice of needed the IMF should consider lead regulator would be obvious optimising its reserves manage-- the Securities and Exchange ment to help finance the debl relief programme.

relief programme. A later paragraph said that the G7 welcomed the World Bank undertaking to commit \$500m to increasing debt relief and would support and work together for an overall World Bank contri-

the old-(ashiened boozer, "We

could see people were not hap-py with what was on offer. Men

went to pubs and women went

to wine bars. The bars were in-

tended as a kind of home from

home with a simple selections

of drinks. None of this palaver

The venture proved a terrific

success, riding on the back of

the supple boom but continu-

ing to prosper thorough the re-

cession. In the year to June 1995

with wine lists."



All smiles: Presidents Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl at the start of yesterday's G7 session

retary, Robert Ruhin, interpreted this as meaning that \$2bn worth of gold reserves would be sold. The British sales would be invested to en-Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, sure they retained their value. also indicated that gold sales

Compromise was also the were likely. Germany - whose finance minister, Theo Waigel, failed to turn up for yesterday's meetings because his plane broke down - had stood out

against any gold sales, and re-

Japan over to its side. Britain and France had proposed a compromise solution under which the proceeds of the gold

order of the day on the other big controversy that has dogged the economic half of the summit: the new US Helms-Burton law that punishes companies and individuals for trading with portedly brought Italy and Cuba. The fact that the law

applies not just to US concerns bul foreign ones as well has prompted fierce condemnation and charges of extraterritorial interference from Enropean and Canada. Yesterday's communique

pleased Washington by avoiding any specific mention either of the US or Helms-Burton, but issued what the EU officials described as a firm reprimand to the US. Separately, Russia's longstanding hopes of joining the

Group of Seven receded yesterday when President Chirac said the G7 was essentially an economic grouping "which is used to working together" and ship. Mr Chirac was speaking soon after the arrival of the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, to take part in the second part of the summit, which is devoted to political issues, including Bosnia.

=== IRISH

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES

| | PATE % | APR % 75% Losn | APR % 90% Los |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Lanuity | 7.00 | 7.60 | 7.80 |
| Endowment | 7.00 | 7.00 7.40 | |
| The decrease in | mortgage rates ap | plies from 26th Ju | ne 1996. |
| INVEST | MENT INT | EREST RA | ATES |
| uce is hereby given t | that the following Ir | vestment Retos a | re effective fi |

0.50 £10,000 4 £25,000 + 3.00 NOTICE ACCOU GROSS % 3.25 £1.000 + 2.60 £5,000 + £10,000 + 3.48 3.60 £25,000 + £50,000 + £100,000 + 4.00 4.00 5.00

210,000 + £25,000 + £50,000 + 3.91 £100,000 + NTEED GROWTH B GROSS

CAR % 12.60

C&W chairman defends compensation payouts

moving away from the notion of | ble & Wireless, yesterday defended compensation payouts to two former directors and insisted C&W had no intention of "dumping" its Mercury Communications division.

Speaking at the company's annual meeting. Mr Smith said the payments to former chairman Lord Young of Graffham and former chief executive James Ross, were "what they were due to that point". He described the terms of three months' pay plus their share op-tion entitlements as standard.

the chain made profits of £830,000 on sales of £5.4m. The two directors, who were This year it expects to make £1m asked to leave the company in profit on sales of £7.7m. Mr. Tweddell is already November, were reportedly offered compensation of £2.4m dreaming up his next venture. and £1.3m respectively. "Leaving emotion aside. I believe this Called Dream and Do, it will be a gardening catalogue with telewas a fair settlement for two phone-based ordering. He people who had worked hard hopes to get the concept off the and successfully for the company and who bad left it in ex-

Greene King puid nearly £200m - hatched the idea as a way of [Brian Smith, chairman of Ca- - cellent financial shape," Mr Smith said. He was also quizzed by one shareholder on why incoming chief executive Dick Brown was immediately granted an

option package worth an estimated £7.6m. He replied that the deal was "the sort of incentive package required to get a top-level executive from the US to come on board". Mr Brown takes up his post on Monday.

Mr Smith said that in Europe, its majority-owned Mercury Communications had come back strongly from its disappointing year in 1994/95 and while there was more work to be done, the results "are now coming through". He denied speculation that C&W wanted to "dump it". "It remains a cornerstone nt our European strategy and Europe continues to be

merger talks with BT, Mr Smith said the board had a clear duty to shareholders to investigate the proposal but it became clear "the obstacles were intractable and that the lengthy discussions were blocking som of the other options we wished Cable & Wireless said reports

that the company is considering a stake sale in majority owned Hong Kong Telecom to the Chinese were "purely speculative". A Hong Kong newspaper had yesterday quoted a "senior C&W source" as saying the company would consider selling part of its 57.5 per cent holding in HK Telecom to the Chinese to help secure better access to the Chinese telecoms market.

Mr Smith said that despite the upsets and excitement of the 1995/96 year, the true pic-

| ne or or | ur maun | areas c | of focus. | ture was | one of | Solid | BLOMF | ı. |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------|---|--------|---------|----|
| | | | CURE | RENCIES | | | | Í |
| E/S 156 150 150 151 156 | · • • | | | TVTT | E/Y 173- 177- 171- 171- 161- 167- 165- 167- | | | |
| ust | | | | Dollar | | | | |
| | restantay | Charge | Year Ago | | Yesterday | Charge | Tex les | |
| London) | 1,5538 | +0.78c | 1,5909 | (nebno.i) 3 | 0.6436 | -0.32 | 0.6286 | _ |
| N Yorkis | 1 5405_ | unch | 1,5950 | £ (N York)‡ | 0.5491 | unch | 0 6261 | |

| | | | NTEREST R | ATES | | | 1 | | CURRI | NGIES | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|------------------|
| ori si | ring" | Z | UK medium gilt | | US long bo | nd | £/S | | £/DM 23 23 237 | | E/Y 178 | |
| 66 67 57 57 | | | 12 25 25 25 25 | | 67 65-y | WY | } | | 225 | CW77 | 167 985 985 985 985 985 | |
| Market 1 | Rates Nonta | t War | Boud Yields * Nation Bond (%) | Year Ages | lang Road | (4) that Age | Pouse | Testarday Chang | : Yer Ap | Dollar | Yesterdey Change | Text des |
| | 175. 132 | 581 594 069 | 7.90 6.72 3.15 | 8.46 6.23 2.76 | 8 05 6.91 | 8 49 6 60 | S (London) S (N York): DM (London) | 1,5538 +9.71 1,5405 un 1,2,3651 +1.25 | h 1,5950 | £ (London) £ (N York)‡ DM (London | 0.64360.32 | 0.6286 0.6261 |
| | 25 | 3.60 | 6.51 | 6.93 | T.Q6 | • | | 170 <u>.423</u> +Y1.45 | | * (London) \$ Index | 109,685 +Y0,3 97.2 +0.1 | 84.9000 |

| | | S | 85 85 81 81 82 81 | | 70 61 67 65 | | S 15 | | / - - | 237 | 1 * 1 7 | 173- 177- 171- 184- 185- 185- 185- 185- | | |
|------------|---------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--|---------|-----------|
| Market F | | "i L'Mor | Bond Yiel Hodon Bo | | Long Road | . (4) tear | Pound | leep and sel 14 h | 7 Change | | Dollar | Vesterale; | | Tex les |
| 5,3 | | 581 | 7.90 | 8 46 | 3 07 | 2.49 | S (Lond | on) 1,5538 | +0.78c | 1,5909 | (nebno.1) 2 | | | 0.6286 |
| 5 | 52 | 94 | 672 | 6,22 | 6.91 | 567 | S (PL Yor | ki‡ 1 5405 | unch | 1,5950 | £ (Rt York): | 0.5491 | unch | 0 6261 |
| 2. | ·; | 0.69 | 3,15 | 276 | <u></u> | | | rdon) 2,3651 | | | DIM (Londo | ni 1.5222 | ±0.04af | 1.3341 |
| 2. 22 | <u></u> | <u> </u> | 6.51 | 6.93 | | | ¥ (Lond | on) 170,423 | | | * (London | 109,685 | +Y0.39 | 84.9000 |
| uri jedice | | | | | | | zebal 2 | 86.3 | +0.4 | 83.4 | \$ 10007 | 97.2 | +0.1 | 89.7 |
| | | MA | IN PRIC | E CHANGES | | | 3 | | | OTHER IS | NDICATORS | 3 | | Section 8 |
| | Pice | ر جست (| Smpt. | Fails | hin (s) C | mp ()) % | thange | Yesterday | Day's shg | Nor Jgs | | hales Later | Yelip | let lip |
| Ef . | 262 | 17 | 6.9 | Eurcaumet Plc/sz | 36 | 3 7 | 7 Oil Bren | 18.96 | -0.06 | 16.37 | RP1 1 | 52.9+2.2pc | 1496 | 11 July |

h.E. Mr Jones stands to pick up a Ren. i. naximum bonus this year of £70,000 which would be IV BRILLY matched by free shares. In 1995-96 he received total pay of £248,000 including a performance-linked bonus of £53,000. Carporners : jan The highest-paid director was the Grid's chairman, David 40亿元。 Russia's economy did not meet the requirements for member-including a £73,000 bonus. 35 Eric Chefneux, who retired 25: early from the post of engi-250 neering services director, re-Mark No.

jinery V ale Program 417

contributions in addition to £147,00 pay for the nine months lo 31 December 1995. History Internation of 엔다.

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT

GROSS CAR. % 3.25 3.50 4.35 MONTHLY INTEREST % 3.20 3.45 4.27 2.56 £5,000 + 2.75

Rates correct at time of going to press.
Compounded Annual Rates (C.A.R.) apply when full interest, which is paid more than once a year, remains in the account.
Not monthly interest release to the gross monthly interest.
Gross interest is the amount your servings earn before any beaic rate income tax at 20p in the E is deducted.
For non-taxpayers and non-tifk residents, interest curr be paid without deduction of basic rate income tax, at completion of forms RBS or R105, available at the branch.

119, Kilbum High Fload, Kilbum, London NWS 6.3H Tet: 0171-624-5118. Fex: 0171-624-5637 All beans are subject to status. Within quotations wealable on request. YOUR HOME IS AT RISKS IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAMS SECURED ON IT. A Life insurance Policy may be equived with a mortgage. Additional securely in the form of a montgage pathetimes policy may elso be required, Irish Permitment at an authorised withhour under the Bartlang Act, 1967.

business



Territory.

'It is hard to know, what, if anything, should or can be done to halt the ever-upward spiral of executive pay. To attack it through the taxation system would only undermine incentive as well as driving some of our best high-earning

talent offshore'

How Greenbury has boosted executive excess

It is as if the Greenbury Committee on top executive pay never existed. This is the season of annual accounts and in all but a few rare instances, their pages faithfully record that executive salaries and perks continue to motor upwards, in many cases at a rate of knots. True, disclosure has generally been improved by the Greenbury recommendations, but if the idea was that this would shame remuneration committees into paying their executives less, then Greenbury has failed in its purpose. There is not the

faintest glimmer of restraint. If anything the effect seems to have been rather the reverse. By exposing the excess of a few, greater disclosure has tended to drag up the rest. Nor is the phenomenon confined to the boardroom, many executives claim. When the directors of often quite small publicly quoted companies are revealed to he paying themselves so handsomely, it is hard to resist the demands of larger company executives who, though only running divisions and subsidiaries, are none the less respon-

sible for much higger organisations.

Paradoxically then, enhanced disclosure seems also to be raising "the going rate". The evidence of this is not just anecdotal; it is also confirmed by the statistics, which show the number of top earners (£100,000-plus) growing as never before. In a period of widespread wage restraint, low inflation and very considerable corporate downsizing, you might expect the reverse to be occurring. Some executives attribute the fault in all

this to the new disclosure rules themselves. | placed by executive bonuses which - and this | force. Regardless of the moral rights and Without Greenbury, it is claimed, there wouldn't be all this inflationary benchmarking of salaries and perks. Tosh. The implication of this argument is that the tide of excess could be held back by keeping the privileges of the few secret from the rest. in the modern world such obfuscation would be as unacceptable as it is unrealistic.

Even among the privatised utilides, which sparked the "fat cats" row in the first place, there is little evidence of any change of heart. True, the unreconstructed share option schemes which made many utility bosses into overnight millionaires, are on the whole disappearing. Since water and electricity share prices have already enjoyed most of their upside potential, however, their demise hurts no one. Instead, new and even better wheezes are being devised - the long-term, performance-related bonus being the most apparent. Take the one revealed in the National Power accounts earlier this week. According to the small print, executive directors can hope to hoost their base salaries by 50 per cent through short- and long-term bonus schemes by showing "sus-tained, solid, relative performance". Er ...this might sound a bit ald-fashioned but is that not what salaries are meant for? It would appear that National Power directors

earn their bonus just for doing their job.
The package available to National Grid directors is in some respects even worse. The

is the good hit - if invested in National Grid shares is doubled by the company in the form of an equal and opposite number of free National Grid shares.

Nor have the rewards of outright failure or worse been much damaged by the turgid and largely pointless meanderings of the Cadbury and Greenbury committees. True, Peter Robinson, former chief executive of the Woolwich building society, dropped his claim for compensation but he still walked away with a lump sum and pension that many would kill for. And to prove the old truism that once on the merry-go-round, it is hard to fall off, he's already being harrassed by the headhunters. So much for the argument that executive pay and perks merely reflect the insecurities of the job. It is hard to know, what, if anything, should or can be done to halt the everupward spiral of executive pay. To attack it through the taxation system would unly undermine incentive as well as driving some of our best high-earning talent offshore. But to those who argue that there is nothing wrong with it in any case, because it provides something to aspire to and because top exce-

utive pay is only a tiny and insignificant proportion of a company's costs, there is a counter. The evidence is that excess in the boardroom is driving ap executive pay across the board. Even in today's flexible

MICHAEL HARRISON

Trading, John Bridgeman, set himself an a collision course

with Labour yesterday by rejecting one of the key changes

the party would make to com-

petition policy ance in power.

sent, they have to be shown to

more onerous test.

Labour has said it would

wrongs of the process, then, the long-term effects on corporate health may be highly damacing.

صكذا من الاحل

Bock scores a point, but a long game awaits

It was a long and hitterly fought grudge match, but ultimately flamboyant old world skills of Tiny Rowland were no match for clinical finish of the modern day German. As on the football pitch, so in the world of business; what the Germans want they tend,

eventually, to get.
Dieter Bock must have windered at many times since boarding Lonrho whether it was all worth the candle, but yesterday he almost smiled. Unwinding the sale of a third of the Metropole hatel chain to the Libyan government will surely be seen as the turning point in his attempt to rebuild the flawed empire Tiny Rowland collected so obsessively over the years.

With the Libyans queering the pitch, there was no way Mr Bock's ultimate breakup plan would ever go ahead. Now it seems there is little that can stop Lourho's hotels and African trading operations being floated

off by Christmas. Game over. Quite what Colonel Gaddafi will think af the deal his minions have struck is another labour markets, there will eventually be a matter. Simply adding interest at 6.6 per cent knock-on effect further down the labour to the \$307m he paid Tiny in 1992 is hardly

a fair reflection of what has happened to the hotel market in the past four years.

Tiny's last desperate throw of the dice was made at the low point of the post-Gulf war international travel slump, since when the tourist and business travel industry has boomed. Lourho has managed to hold on to all the upside while the Libyans took the equity risk.

The most interesting aspect of Lourho's dismemberment, however, is Mr Bock's apparently new-found interest in running a far-flung African trading empire. It remains to be seen whether developing property in a highly developed European market will a nighty developed Enropedit that et with prove an appropriate training for the finger-in-the-air trading skills demanded in most African countries. Tiny's greatest contempt was reserved for his successor's aspirations in the region he believed no one else could ever teally understand. He thought the whole tawdry battle over his expenses only underlined how little Mr Bock knew about doing business in the Dark Continent.

Even if Tiny is proved wrong on this, and the break-up of single-country fieldoms into pan-cantinental agriculture, motors and property businesses starts to bear fruit, it is not immediately apparent that Africa is the coming emerging market Lourho thinks. As long as its economies remain almost wholly dependent on the latest harvest, it is hard to see Mr Book's new baby prividing the quality of earnings London investors will demand. His toughest game is yet to kick off.

Fresh allegations link China with copper scam

JOHN WILLCOCK

The Sumitomo copper scandal has escalated significantly with allegations of a cartel linking China with trader Yasuo Hamanaka's bid to rig world prices, and a decision by Japan to follow the US and Britain in

opening a criminal inquiry.

The London Metal Exchange held a board meeting yesterday. The LME is co-operating closely with the Securities and Investments Board in its investigation of the scandal. While the LME would not comment on what was discussed, it is understood the unwinding of Sumitomo's copper positions and the fragile state of the copper market were key topics for debate.

Japan has ditched its previous approach of pursuing only a civenquiry into the affair, in which rogue trader Hamanaka ran up losses on unauthorised trades of at least \$4.8bn (£1.2bn).

Japanese news services said esterday that the Tokyo district prosecutor's office would investigate whether there was a hreach of trust by Hamanaka. Some market observers fear

Sumitomo may eventually lose as much as \$4bn. The Japanese authorities had previously insisted that none of its laws had been broken since

the deals in the affair were conducted outside Japan. As fallen copper trader Mr Hamanaka stayed in hiding, there were reports that he had

colluded with Chinese state firms to control the price of copper. Sumitomo said it would investigate the cartel report and this would be a key issue in meetings with US, British and Japanese regulators. Officials of China's Non-Ferrous Metals Import and Export Corp declined to comment

Hamanaka used Sumitomo's huge leverage as the higgest copper merchant, controlling big volumes of stocks, in peri-

odie attempts to ramp prices. Mr Hamanaka's strategy ran into trouble this year when powerful hedge funds decided that copper around \$2,700 per tonne was overpriced and started selling it on the London Metal Exchange, and off the

market, to try to force it down and break Mr Hamanaka. According to reports close to the market, his position had been so strong that George Soros, the hedge fund investor who helped force sterling out of the ERM in 1992, gave up in

But sellers led by Herbie Black of Montreal-based American Iron & Metals sold copper

again in May.

Reports claimed that Chinese Traders said earlier this week firms with which Sumitomo that, as far back as 1988, Mr. had joint ventures had a key role. The Chinese knew of Mr Hamanaka's intentions in the market and vice versa. Both parties profited from this rela-

tionship, it is claimed.

According to one veteran
metals trader, Mr Hamanaka's successful trading over almost a decade on the LME generated substantial profit for Sumitomo. It may have offset losses on a strategy to win market share by selling physical copper in Asia

Sumitomo insists that Mr taking over the post last No-Hamanaka was acting alone. vember, made elear his oppoand that senior executives did sition to the Labour proposal not provide any authorisation or have any knowledge of his lossmaking trades. A hid to rig the market, even in collusion with the Chinese,

saying: "I suspect it might inhibit healthy merger activity." In particular Mr Bridgeman said that it could present obstacles to takeovers involving need not involve breaking laws, firms in unrelated husinesse top traders say. But such activwhere there were no competiities may concern market regtion issues at stake but bidders still had to demonstrate beneulators in the US and Britain's fits arising from a takeover. Mr Bridegman also fired a



OFT crosses swords with Labour

Think again: John Bridgeman of the OFT Photograph: FT

warning shot over changes in merger law introduced by the current government. Under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, Ian

Lang, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, can allow takeovers to go ahead without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission solely

on the basis of "behavioural undertakings" by bidders not to engage in anti-competitive ac-

However, Mr Bridgeman said that allowing mergers through on this basis needed to be approahed with "considerable caution". He added: "The right remedy for problems which may arise, essentially from the undesirable effect of a merger on the structure of the market would normally itself be structural; generally divestment is the preferred remedy."

The annual report shows that last year was one of the busiest on record with 473 mergers involving assets of £178bn examined - the second-highest number in the OFF's history and a 24 per cent jump on 1994.

There was also a hig increase in the number of firms seeking confidential guidance before launching hids to 107 from 76

the year before.

Mr Brigdeman said he did not expect the wave of bus company bids, the biggest single category of merger inquiries last year. to continue and he also forecast a decline in electricity bids.

In Brief

• Unemployment in Japan reached an all-time high in May, swollen by young people unable to find work after the end of the school year. The unemployment rate rose from 3.4 to 3.5 per cent, the righest since records began in 1953. The news cast a shadow over recent evidence pointing to unmistakable signs of modest recovery in the economy after five years in the doldrums. Industrial production rose 2 per cent in May, according to figures earlier this week. Separately, French unemployment jumped by nearly 31,000 in May to reach 3,042,800 or 12.4 per cent of the workforce. The rate could return to the record high of 12.7 per cent later this year, economists predict.

 Hickson International warned that first-half results would be "well below" the comparable period of last year. The company said the previous period was flattered by one-off profits, but the announcement is the latest in a string of bad news which has come out of the chemicals group in the last few years. Hickson said improvement in the group's figures would become more evident in the second half and subsequently throughout 1997.

 Le Creuset, the French pots and pans maker and Screwpull corkscrew distributor, has agreed a £39.1m hid from a company owned by its chairman, Paul van Zuydam. The offer from Cliden, which already owns 73.7 per cent of Le Creuset, is pitched at 203p a share in cash. The news came as Le Creuset announced that profits had slumped from £3.24m to £963,000 in the year to December, after a £735,000 exceptional charge.

 Eurotennel said a majority of shareholders backed the main resolutions at its annual meeting on Thursday, while 87 per cent voted against a proposal for the dismissal of certain directors. It said that each of the 10 resolutions proposed by the board of Eurotunnel was passed by a majority of votes, ranging between 62.5 and 97 per cent of the shareholders.

 Domestic and small business customers of Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electrie will see hills fall after the announcement of new price controls by the electricity regulator, Offer. The decision will cut around £17 a year from the domestic customers bill. Offer also said that, following the flotation of British Energy, its business north of the border, Scottish Nuclear, would no longer charge Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro a premium price for nuclear-generated electricity.

| | COMPA | NY RESULT | S | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Turnover £ | Pre-tax £ | EPS | Dividend |
| Curalit Property (I) | .36m (.39m) | .12m (.19m) | 3.0p(3.1p) | 0.9p (0.85p) |
| Cater Allen (F) | - (-) | 14.6m (25.9m) | 33.1p (5.7p | 21.0p (-) |
| Collegy but (F) | 28.5m (17.6m) | 4.8m (2.8m) | 0.04p (0.96) | 20 (201) |
| Lespoid Joseph (F) | - (-) | 2.4m (1.4m) | 27.5p (17.9p) | 15p (-) |
| Laurbe (I) | 1.03bo (1bn) | 60m (52m) | 4p (3.2p) | 2.25p (2.25p) |
| Matrix Healthcare (I) | .46m (.38m) | .07m (.06m) | 7p (6.3p) | 3.75p (-) |
| Partridge Fine Arts (I) | 7.5m (7.7m) | 1.3m (1.1m) | 3.97 (3.41p) | 1.4p (1.4p) |
| Osprey Comms (I) | 17.5m (13.9m) | .41m (97m) | 1.5p (-3.5p) | m3 (sali) |
| Tops Estates (F) | - (-) | 2.5m (2.5m) | 4.43p (3.88p) | 0.6p (-) |
| (F) - Pingal (1) - Interim | (M) - Mine months | | | |

halve Britain's

DIANE COYLE . Economics Editor

Britain's balance of payments was in the red last year by less than half as much as first estimated. Revised figures yester-day showed a shortfall of £2.9hn, compared with the first estimate of £6.7bn, thanks to the discovery of billions of pounds worth of extra income from UK

investments overseas.

The balance improved further in the first quarter of this year, mainly due to a fall in Britain's payments to the EU from their abnormally high level in the last three months of 1995. The deficit fell by £151m to below

£1.1bn. The hreathtaking scale of the statisticians' improvements to last year's figures helped push sterling half a pfennig higher against the mark. It closed at DM2.35.

Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, said:
This news pushes any worries about the trade account beyond the horizon of the election."

According to the new figures, Britain's net investment in-come reached a record £9.6bn in 1995, and improved by £200m to £2.9bn in the first quarter of 1996. Official statis-ticians and the Bank of England will be investigating the scale of revisions to the figures, which are drawn from a banks' survey. City analysts were wary about the good news. "There is no guarantee these figures will prove any more definitive than

" Ian Shepherdson at

HSBC Markets said. However,

nvestment income was clearly

on an upward trend. In addition, the net amount of transfers overseas - dominated by British payments to the EU - retreated from its unusually high level of £2.1bn at the end of last year to

£1.4bn. These two improvements made up for a disappointing de-cline in the surplus on trade in services. It slipped to £910m in January-March from £1.4bn in

this. There was a small fall in the balance earned by financial services and a deterioration in travel. There was an increase in trips abroad by hoth personal and business travellers.

Trade in goods slipped further into the red, reaching £3.53hn.

But the year-on-year growth rate was revised down to 1.9 per cent because of a small rise in the figure for GDP in the first

The Office for National Statistics also reported a different mix of growth compared with the previous estimates. It regrowth to 0.9 from 0.8 per cent. leaving it the higgest quarterly increase since the end of 1993. The explanation was revealed by growth in real personal disposable income, or after-tax income adjusted for inflation. It was up a robust 4 per cent in the year

Investment was also upgraded, rising 1.5 per cent rather

SIB. both of which have sent in-Missing billions

trading deficit

the fourth quarter of 1995. Two trends accounted for

Separate figures yesterday showed that the economy grew 0.4 per cent in the first quarter.

to the first quarter.

MARKS & SPENCER SAFETY RECALL. **BOYS TODDLER**

NAVY BASEBALL JACKET. ('JUNIOR SPORTS' BADGE ON LEFT FRONT.)

> ALL SIZES (! YEAR - 4 YEARS.) SELLING PRICE £22.

COLOUR ITEM NUMBER NAVY T77 02805/4959

Marks & Spencer has established that some metal studs on the above jacket may become detached from the garment after washing.

The individual parts of the stud may be hazardous to small children.

This jacket has been on sale since February 1996, and has now been removed from display.

Customers who have purchased this jacker are advised to return it immediately to the Customer Service Desk at their local store where a full refund will be given.

> Marks & Spencer apologise for any inconvenience caused to customers.

Two Wickes directors suspended

troubled DIY group, have been suspended as part of the investigations into accounting errors that led to an over-statement of the group's profits, writes Nigel

Two directors of Wickes, the terday suspended from the busi-troubled DIY group, have been ness pending the completion of the investigation being undertaken by Price Waterhouse.

They will continue to co-operate fully with the investigation. However, the company said the pair would "have no further Les Rosenthal, group trading director, and Chris Miles, UK dealings with suppliers cuscommercial director, were yes-

It is understood that the problems could stretch back three or four years with the possible over-statement of profits amounting to £15m-£20m. It is unlikely the company will be to announce a more precise figure for at least a week to enable the shares to resume trading. They were suspended at 69p.

Henry Sweetbaum, the former chairman who resigned this week, is understood to have retained City law firm Herbert Smith to act on his behalf, though this was not confirmed. It is possible he could claim compensation for loss of office as his contract was not due to expire until November 1997.

MARKS & SPENCE

John Donald

enced, respec-

with a taste to

Casses in

index where

e inhination r

DESCRIPTION CON

marian tar di

ar maid a di

- - - - Sic 1 d 15

Distances for

Old Bailey a

arad seven v

The council

tion with which

de milita 😪

water indigues

ie trin o lich o

onum conflác

a their own

to the crimin with operant Since the co National facility in high because

ation by Bl igere are est ar nambodásar ng pakletyetee

an reen for t

Domaid's co

salted in signi the numeron.

South East 1

Sound (SER)

a montant say hadding their

and right offic

a large of SA

In addition

distant into the

SUNDOCKING THE

Note: who is s again by god

elling, has tw

the rational tr

ant may ha

• 17 • 90. • 71.

Sur

Carried.



a resolute note. A little late institutional window-dressing. firm gilts and hopes of an inpushed the FT-SE 100 index back above 3,700 points, although best levels were not al-

Amid the resurgence, TI Group, the engineer, was the poorest-performing blue chip. falling 12p tn 558p as fears reappeared it would barge into the comfy merger between Lucas Industries and Varity, the US car parts group. Rumours of a counter-strike have not been far below the surface

since the deal emerged in May. TI has often been linked

Shares ended the half-year on clear temptation for other industry powers to block the deal. Among those thought to be in the Lucas vicinity are GM, the US giant, and Continental players such as Mannesmann, the German engineer with nearly 9 per cent nesmann,

of Lucas, up 1.5p at 226.5p. Lloyds TSB led the blue chip charge. In a bank sector enjoying a relaxation in the mortgage war the shares jumped 10p to 315p. James Capel lifted this year's profit forecast by 4.5 per cent to £2.42bn and next by 7 per cent to £2.75bn. With the mortgage battle fad-ing Abbey National gained 12p to 541p. Barclays added 13p to 773p and National

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

Window-dressing helps half-year to a resolute end

Stack market reparter of the year run, continued tn gather

strength, gaining 12p tn 469p. Many of the pub/restaurant groups, mauled nn Thursday, managed modest recoveries. ID Wetherspoon, for example, rallied 15p to 1,005p. GRE, seen as the next insurance takeover target, im-

the paper and packaging group, rallied 14p tn 339p. The market rally comes at

proved 7p to 248p and Rexam,

Boots shaded 1p to 579p. Its £300m share huy-back prompted some retailers to move higher as the market speculated that part of the Boots cash will be pumped into other store shares. Storehouse up 10p to 324p, was the main beneficiary of such thinking. Alexon, the fashion group

which has staged a sharp recovery from three years of losses, gained 8p to 145p on director buying, Chairman Pat-rick Cooper picked up 10,000 shares at 137p; he last bought shares a year ago at 28p. Broadcasters managed

Type Tees Television. York- ternet provider which has a shire gained 7p to 1,155p and volatile record, was suspended 359p two weeks ago,

rallied 8.5p to 319p. T&N fell 9p to 140p on worries about asbestos claims and BTR slipped 1.5p to 253.5p. Cardinal Business. following higher losses, fell 5p

to 21p Le Creuset, a cookware and tableware group, gained 23p to 200p as chairman Paul van produced his promised bid to take the company private. He is offering 203p a share.

Blenheim rose 8p to 423p on hopes United News & Media will produce its offer early next week.

after jumping 17p to 70p ahead nf details about the marketing of one of its products. The shares touched 193p last year. Newcomer Intelligent Envi-roment, placed at 94p, ended at 85p. Omnicare returned from suspension following the

take over of Amcare, supplying medical products to patients confined to their homes. Shares were sold at 110p to

The day's biggest excitement was once again reserved for the fringe Ofex market. A company called Display International shot from 100p to

TAKING STOCK

lonly pi

Aminex, with oil and gas interests in Russia, jumped 7p to 64p as an as-yet-unidentified institutional shareholder pumped in nearly £2m, buying 3.5 million new shares at 57p.

The cash will go towards Russian and Tunisian develnoments. The company's new investor, to be named next week, will have 9 per cent of the capital. The injection comes ahead of a planned eqfund the acquisition. They uity and debt financing pack-opened at 120p, ending at age from the World Bank which will have a 20 per cent

> Ashbourne, the nursing home group where Sun week. The company is buying two or three homes with up to 300 beds. The shares eased 3p to 149p.

Johnson, the huilding ma-Westminster Bank 5p to 616p. the end of what has been an inwith Lucas which has already terials group, held at 500p as the controversial tender offer states has 30 per cent, made HSBC put on 18p tn 1,008p. Scottish & Newcastle, the different month for blue chips. In the past two weeks daily 265p in first-day dealings. It is, been forced to endure the of course, an Internet provider. investment presentations this brief attentions of BBA, the offering access to share and from aggressive conglomerate Footsie falls have been more brakes group which considered nation's higgest hrewer, than twice gains. Political wor-TT Group flopped. TT gathbond prices, plus commodities thought to be on the verge of frothed 7p higher to 659p. Rean audacious £2.4bn offer. Boots pluses following Whitehall's sults are due on Monday with ered just 7 per cent against a and currency rates, through ries have been the majnr fac-With Varity, Lucas will be clearance of the controversial software installed in a personal £315m against £265m expecttor. Low trading levels have one of the world's largest car also taken their toll. Granada stake in Yorkshire On AIM, Firecrest, the Incomputer. component groups. There is a ed. Guinness, after a poor **Share Price Data** Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items.

Other details: r Ex rights x Ex-dividend a Ex all u United Securities Market s Suspended pp Partly Paid pm NII Paid Shares. ‡ AlM Stock

Source: FT Information The Independent Index The Index allows you to access residing share prices by phone from Sean. Simply dis Banks, Merchant FT-SE 100 - Restl-time 00 Sterling Rates 04
UK Stock Market Report 07 Bullon Report 05
UK Company News 02 Wall St Report 20
Foreign Exchange 03 Tokyo Market 21 · Wester Shares Electricity Shares High Street Banks Anyone with a tone-dial telephone can use this service. For a detailed description of The noispendent index, including its portfolio facility, phone 0691 123 333. For assistance, call our helpine 0171 873 4375 (\$330am - 5.30pm). Calls cost 35p per minute (chasp rate), and 45p at all other those. Call charges include VAT Banks, Retail Market leaders: Top 20 volumes Volume Stock 2810000 Lloyda TSB 1770000 ASDA Group 1680000 ETR 980000 BAT Inds. 970000 General Elect. 790000 Crange Shell Transport #20000 Vocisione 14.00 37047 up 259 15.00 37056 up 268 16.00 37096 up 308 FT-SE 100 index hour by hour Price Chg Yid PARCHAS **Engineering Vehicles** Leisure & Hotels Inhance of the state of the sta ## 49 Genderd 599 | 10 |
49 Genderd 599 | 1 57 44 July 18 22 24 Network
22 25 Network
22 25 Network
23 25 Network
23 25 Network
24 25 Network
25 26 Network
26 27 28 Network
26 28 Network
27 28 Network
28 28 Network
28 28 Network
29 28 Network 981 77 Americans Line 104 197 PCA Example 105 是我因此我们我的感觉的我们这个有些有的事实与是""我们是我们的事实是"的"我们的,我们也是不是"我们的事实"。 《 1915年,中国1915年,中国1915年的1915年,1 RESIDENCE SERVICES | Section | Sect Emigram 1 is a Beaster in Beaster in Be Bester in Bester in George J De Lai Faire Delyn Graz in Richard I Delyn I Delyn Richard I Dely 144 3286 - 3304 - 3304 - 3104 - 3105 78 997 97 95 75 45 75 ・ であるまでは、 「ののののでは、 「ののでは、 「の 201 303 380 380 380 Add Lon Auch Pop Belows Billion Br. Lural Bland Br. Lural Br. Lura をおからでは、100mmのでは、100 日 200 日本 20 STATES OF THE ST **Government Securities** Prima 113⁴u 126¹s 256 257 257 257 257 257 258 258 258 258 258

Hilton cc

per Learner see a see a

The order

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}(\boldsymbol{y}_{i}, \boldsymbol{y}_{i}) = 0$

mrz.iul ...

garage the

and sure it

(Blanch

policy world?

Anti-dir.

tuit III

gehauf in

O. Black.

 $Th \in \mathbb{S}^{n \times m}$

omitine in

Femalities .

Stuffe it is gracium ter ar bei hole bill. ally process " gen plot. The back u. i Formula (19) geography i si nin utb.

ardını illi Value for a ա գիտոփու

Dath water. half of the con-E@ 1 ...

A first :

War for the
Hillian (a.c.)
and in Assertion
the nighton in a
companying real
ampanying real
featen Wiesen
New the 11-11
Wigan New the 1

Germany's Olympic team win in style

THE INDEPENDENT SATURDAY JUNE 1986

Only practice is free in Formula One Backley has DERICK ALLSOP reports from Magny-Cours Another Friday, another vawn. Formula One a designated competition-free zone is seriously undermining an already flimsy

Bad enough that the world championship is a cruise for Williams-Renault and that only one of their drivers, Damon Hill, appears capable of ex-

tracting anything remotely close to the car's potential. Jacques Villeneuve, the much trumpeted import from IndyCars, has frankly been a disappointment so far and David Coulthard is doubtless steaming inside the cockpit of his McLaren-Mer-However, to add insult for the

speciators, qualifying has been taken off the schedule of the first day's practice. The teams, not unreasonably, are more in-tent on preparing for the race than pushing for meaningless times, so the tension and spec-tacle have all but evaporated and the opening free practice here before tomorrow's French Grand Prix followed the now familiar routine.

The authorities, supported by many drivers and teams, took the decision to confine quali-fying to Saturday this season for the specific purpose of ensuring a full and committed turnout in the final hour. Even if it rains, the drivers have to go and earn their grid positions. Officials still maintain it is a

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

policy worth persisting with, hut around the paddock and along the pit lane, opinion is changing. The view from the grandstand is clear: transforming Friday practice into a nonevent is too high a price to pay.

The punter is anxiously counting the escalating cost of Formula One. On top of astronomical admission prices, the travelling fan is also encountering an organised rip-off at his or her hotel here. Rooms usually priced at less than £20 are now more than £70. Four star

hotels are charging £300 a night. Formula One has long been associated with a greed mentality, yet the current trend is exceeding all previous outrages. Value for money is apparently an abandoned cause.

Hill, of course, will be peractiv content for the second half of the season to continue along its undramatic course. Hebeads Villeneuve by 21 points. and Michael Schumacher by 27,



Focus of attention: Damon Hill faces the press after yesterday's practice session for the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours

and they are evidently the only drivers who may present any semblance of a threat, providing they can start well.

Hill put paid to Villeneuve's plans last time out by cutting off the Canadian's launch from the grid in Montreal and went oo to secure his fifth win of the

Villeneuve says he is now forearmed to counter that tactic should Hill employ it to-morrow and the feelings within the Williams camp tend to suggest they again expect to occupy the front row of the grid. For straight away," Hill said. "There the record, Hill was sixth yes- are quite a few things we're easy.

terday, Villeneuve seventh. working on to improve for qual-Mika Hakkinen, in the

ifying.
I think this is a good track. McLaren, was first, followed by Olivier Panis, enjoying the ad-It has some quick corners but vantage of driving on Ligiergood run-off areas, fortunate-Mugen-Honda's bome track. ly. So it is safe as well as inter-Hill had an uncomfortable start to the day, his car bucking

He insisted the competition over a kerb and giving him an was botting up. "People have got a grip on things at this stage of the season. It's looking closfour wheels made contact with the ground again. Immediate- er right now and I don't think ly he took it to the garage to have it checked out. "When you

we're as good as we can be." Schumacher, fifth in his Ferrari, was even less assured. He said: "We have to come up with

Martin Brundle, in a Jordan-Peugeot, was 11th and Johnny Herbert, of Sauber-Ford, 19th. Herbert, of Sauber-Ford, 19th.
FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Magny-Cours) Lap
those after opening free practice assessor.

1 M Haidener (Fr) McLaren-Morcades 1 mm
17,673 ecc. 2 D Pares (Fr) Light-Mugan-Honds 1:18.206; 3 G Berger (Au) Benetion-Roreat,
1:18.206; 1 D Pour, Borger
(San) Williams-Researt, 1:18.506; 1 D Dout,
1:18.206; 1 D Pour, Brail LightMagny-Honda 1:19.104; 1 1 M Brande (Sa) knoten-Pougoot, 1:18.479; 1 Z H Barntzhelo (Ba)
Jordan-Hart 1:19.606; 1 A P Nosaer (Ba) Footsock-Hart 1:19.606; 1 A P Nosaer (Ba) Footsock-Hart 1:20.205; 1 F M Salo (Fro) Tyroll-Vernatra 1:20.215; 2 R H H Frantzen (Be)
Souber-Foot1:20.231; 2 F M Salo (Fro) TyrollYennatra 1:20.455; 1 P Larry (Por) MarradFord 1:20.878; 1 B Herbert (BR) S. mor-Ford



last chance for Atlanta

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Just nine weeks after going un-der the surgeon's knife for an Aehilles tendon operation, Britaio's Europeao javelin champion Steve Buckley returns to action this weekend in a final effort to gain Olympic se-

The British team for Atlanta will be finalised at midnight after tomorrow's Bupa Games in Gateshead, and although this represents a last chance for Backley, it is far from last ditch. The 27-year-old former

world record holder from Sidcup is ready to fulfil the selec-tors' request that he show firness - whatever that might mean. John Trower, Backley's long-time coach, believes he will be able to perform more than

adequately.
"Steve is in good shape."
Trower said. "He needs a bit more time to get into medalwinning form, and he was look-ing ideally for a good performance at the London Grand Prix on 12 July, when he will be better agaio. But he will

do what he has to do." Backley, who, like Jonathan Edwards, was left out of the mitial squad pending a show of fitness, will be seeking to throw 80 metres or over to secure the third place alongside Niek Nieland and his training partner Mick Hill, who were first and second in the Olympic trials.

But Colio Mackenzie, who

finished third in the trials, could give the selectors cause for some consideration if he finishes above Buckley tomorrow.

It was a crucl irony for Backley that a physical weakness should hamper him soon after he published a book about the benefits of positive thinking. But there are few in the sport more capable of coping with injury than Backley, who spent a whole season oul with a shoulder injury so tender that he could hardly hear to hrush his teeth for a while.

He came hack triumphantly in 1994 to retain his European last year behind the Olympic earlier this month.

champion and the favourite, Jan Zelezny. Backley had nursed a minor

sport

Achilles tendon problem for two years, but when it failed to improve this year he had an op-cration. "In hindsight," Trower said, "it would have been better to have had it in January rather than April. But once he had made the decision it was almost a relief, because if he wants to be able to compete at top level it was the only thing to be done."

Backley's swift return was helped by a surgical technique which meant he did not need plaster. He spent 10 days on crutches, discarded them for a time, during which he got back to throwing, then returned to them for another five days at a crucial point after the operation. when the tendon was due to heal itself.

He took his original omission from the team well, although it would be true to say he was not thrilled by the policy. But Trow-er is confident his man will come through. "Jonathan Edwards has cleared the hurdle, and I'm sure Steve will too," he said.

If Backley does do enough, it is still an open question whether he will be joined in the squad by Linford Christie, who has said he will announce on Monday, after competing at Gateshead, if he is defending his 100 metres title. Edwards, meanwhile, competes in the triple jump against Brian Wellman, silver medallist hehind him in last year's World

Championships.
The men's 800m will see Craig Winrow, Britain's fastest this year, seeking a more convincing run than he managed in the trials to secure the third Atlanta place. Local boy Tony Morrell, third then, will be seeking to frustrate his plans.

The 400 metres appears to be one of the most competitive events. Two men who have already secured Atlanta places, Iwan Thomas and Du'Aine Ladejo, meet in a race that also includes Jamie Baulch, fourth in the trials, last year's European Cup champion Mark Richardson, and America's Derek Mills, who missed out title, and added a world silver in the US trials by two places

Hilton comes home to Wigan

Rugby League

Mark Hilton's presence in the Warrington pack has been one of the major successes of the Super League season - and on Sunday he is aiming to make a big impact against his hometown cluh, Wigan.

A first-team player with the Wire for the last four seasons, Hilton has been ever-present and in magnificent form throughout the Super League campaign, but he has never been in a side that have been beaten Wigan.

Now the 21-year-old former Wigan Schools prop believes Warrington are in the best shape they have been in for to be altered."

some time to gain a win against the champions, Wigan, who have climbed back to within one

point of the leaders, St Helens. "Our form has been good," explained the England international Hilton. "At the moment our confidence is high and we believe we're good enough to beat Wigan.

"We're not making any rash

promises and we'll have to be on our best form, but that's never been any different against Wigan. They are just one point behind Saints and they will not want to slip further behind again." Hilton added: "Tve never been in a winning team. against Wigan, hut the conditions are now right for that trend

professional respect for the Wigan team, saying: "I know many of their players and they're a good bunch of lads, but that won't be counting for any-

anxious moment hefore the

give the car heavy treatment like that it's hest to get it checked

thing on Sunday. "I played for Wigan Schools and then at Orrell St James amateur cluh where I was alongside Wigan's England captain Andy Farrell, so I know what to

expect from him." Warrington will have Gary Chambers back in the other prop position after a rib injury that has forced him to miss the last three games.

Other injury coocerns are lestyn Harris (hamstring), Mark Jones (knee), and Jon Roper

The Wire forward has a final clearances to play and are The Bramley forward, Dean expected to make it through

their fitness tests. Wigan are waiting for centre Va'aiga Tuigamals to return from Auckland after the abort-Oceania Cup competition. He should have flown in to-

day, but is now expected back tomorrow, while Test winger Martin Offiah (toe) and Welsh international prop Neil Cowie (hamstring), are struggling to reeain fitness in time for the Central Park giants.

That could well open the way for senior returns for long-term injury victims, stand-off Nigel Wright and half-back Sean Loog, who have been added to the first-team squad (groin). All three are swaiting for the trip to Wilderspool.

Hall, has been suspended until the end of next season after being sent off for use of the elbow in the Second Divisioo match

against Hunslet last week. writes Dave Hadfield. The 15-month ban, one of the longest ever imposed in Britain. is for "deliberately, callously and forcibly attacking the head of an

opponent with his elbow". The disciplinary committee has issued a statement, saving that the incident "had great potential for serious injury". They said that, despite lengthy suspensions for similar incidents, Hall had persisted with use of the elbow and that it had a duty to protect other players. The Bramley chairman, Jeff

Wine, whose club is one of the bottom four whose membership could come under scrutiny at the Rughy League Council meeting oo Wednesday, said: "It's typical of the sentences Bramley have received this season and we feel that we are being picked on. We are leaving it to the player to decide what action he wants to take."

London Broncos are treating today's game against Bradford as a Cup final, with a 10p-four place at the end of the season as the prize. "It is the most important game for us," said the London coach, Tony Currie. "If we win it, we will be one point outside the top four with Warrington to play.

Currie is able to hring back

Sutherland; S Bertsch: S Lowery, N Lancaster, 68 R Winston, W Austan, D A Weibring, J Dely; B Faxon, C Rymer, 8 Fleesher; D Hart; R Freeman, 89 T Bynam; D Frost LSA: R Ferri, D Peoples; D Stockton Jr, L Runker, A Doyle; W Lew; D Pooley; G Day; M Weber, P Aunger, C Beek, N Henke; J Felly, Other: 70 N Czelu Lapan; S Rimoul IAud), 72 G Wate (NZ); J Parmevik, Sweit, 73 L Parsons, Glas.); S Apoleby IAus, J, 74 A Ahval IInd), 8d J Sandelin ISue), 82 D Wasson (Zim), 85 °R Imada Uspani.

Motorcycling
DUTCH 500CC GRAND PRIX (Assen, Natherlands) Second practice vession: 1.4 Chule
(5p) Hende Zmin 02 2652ec 124e 59eed
178.1.13 kmhl: 2. D. Romboni (fü Aprila
202.339; 3 M Boohan (Aus Honds 202.731;
4 L Capmess ith Yamana 203.217; 5 T Olede Lecent Honds 2:03.308; 3 J-M Boyle (Fri
Yamana 2:03.349; 7 L. Catelora (fü Honds
2:03.494; 8 K Roberts Jr 1US) Yamana
2:03.494; 8 K Roberts Jr 1US) Yamana
2:03.695; 9 A Barros (Bri Honds 2:03.961; 10
C Checa (5p) Honds 2:04.106.

Rugby League AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Car Raders 16 Sydney Cny 12

Mark Ireland, the Nottingham hooker, is due to appear at Stafford Crown Court on Monday accused of causing actual bodily harm to Jon Taylor, the Stourbinge

lock, by breaking his jaw in a club match in February. Taylor, a probationary West Midlands police officer, had to have his

Rugby Union

Peter Gill after injury, although in a stand-off role that he has

Hall banned until end of next season

ly to miss out with injuries.

However, Brad Nairn re-

in two matches lomorrow that will have far-reaching influence on the top of the two lower divisions.

Hull will be favourites to finish second in the First Dirision if they can heat Keighley at the Boulevard, while Hull KR can pul lwo points between themselves and Hunslet if they can come away from the South Leeds Stadium with a victory.

Huddersfield, whose appli-

Germany's Olympic team win in style

Germany gained a commanding victory in the Nations Cup on their showground here yesterday, beating the Swiss, the European champions, and leaving Britain trailing in sixth place, writes Genevieve Murphy from Aachen.

The Germans sent out their probable Olympic team: Franke Sloothaak on San Patrignano Joly (who jumped a double clear), Lars Nieberg oo For Pleasure (four faults and clear) Ulrich Kirchhoff on Jus de Pommes (another double clear) and Ludger Beerbaum on Ratina (who had one clear round and was not required to jump

Ronnie Massarella, the man ager of the British team, did not use any of his likely Olympic borses and he refused to be intimidated by Germany's sterling performance. Massarella had other prob-

lems yesterday. Dollar Girl, tentatively selected on Thursday wening after she had crashed through a fence, was sore yes terday morning and had to be replaced. The team manager hrought in Geoff Glazzard and Hello Oscar, who are both competing here for the first time. They had five fences down in each round.

Athletics

Burundi's Venuste Myongabo clocked 3min 32.79sec, the second fastest 1,500 metres of the year, at a meeting in Malmö, Sweden, on Thursday, His time was 1,36acc outside the 1996 best by Noureddine Morceli, of Algeria, in Rome earlier this month. Tegla Lorupe, the New York City

Tegle Lorupe, the New York City marethon champion, was soundly besten by Sally Barsoslo in the 10,000 metres final at Yerrye's Olympic trials yesterday, placing in doubt her selection for next month's Atlanta Games. William Tanui, the Olympic 800m champion fended off a strong challenge from young rivels to qualify for the 1,500m final. Tanui was 0.30sec behind the little-known Elijah Maru who won their semi-finel in 3min 42.50sec. Lucas Morogo was third. The second semi-final was won by another unknown. semi-final was won by another unknown, Laben Rotich, in a 3min 36, 70eec with Stephen Kipkorir second and David Ki-

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Sente 9 Toronto 1; De-tron B Boston B; New York Yankses 3 Bato-more 2; Chicago Winte Sox 15 Cleveland 10; Minwoukee B Kansas City 2; Oekland 18 Calrfornia 2. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 St Louis O; Col-praco 13 Los Angoles 1; San Diego 11 San

Mark Nicholas, the former Hamoshire captain leads an MCC team to play South Africa A at Shenley in a three-day match starting on Wednesday 10 July, Keith Arthurton of the West Indies and Alen Dodemarde of Australia are Included in the side, as well as Grant and Andy Flower of Zimbelbwe. Arthur-ton will also feature in an MCC one-day line-up against the Pakistan tourists at Shenley on 14 July.

Equestrianism

Rowen Alexander, manager of Queen of the South, has gone back to his old club,

EQUESTIBLISM
AACHEN NATIONS CUP SHOW (Commany):
Nations Cup: 1 Germany Zero faults; 2 Switzerjend 4; 2 Beiglum 8; 4 Netherlands 12; 5 Inlend 12-25; 6 Great Britain 36. British scores:
HeNo Oscer (6 Glezzerd 20.5-20; Midnight
Macmess (M Whitsher) 0.8; Tees Harsurer (R
Smith) 4,0; Grennusch (J Whitsher) 4, Draesage Nations Copt 1 Germany 5531pts; 2
Great Britain 4952; 3 Switzerland 4946.

er, Derek Laing, Alexander has also signed 23-year-old Craig Flanagan, a striker freed by Clydebank Emil Kostedinov, the Bulgarian in-ternational striker, has signed for the Turkish champions, Fenerbahce. Carsten Jancker, top striker of Rapid VIenna, is being transferred to Bayern Munich. The deal was agreed yesterday, but both teams refused to disclose fi-

Bebeth, who recently joined the Rio club Flamengo from Deportivo La Coruña of Spain, has been ramed in Brazi's squad for the Olympic Games but Romario, his partner in the 1994 World Cup-winning side, has been left out.

SIGE, PAS DEED EN CULT. BORRACE PASS BRAZIL CHYMBPIC SQUADE BORRACE, Andre Luis, Roberto Carlos, Adder, Roneldo, Alerdeo. Middhalders: Flexic Concelcop, 2e Eliss, Amarial, Juninho, Rivetto, Buts. Forwards: Be-beto, Savio, Lucao, Roneldinho

GOIN

PELIGEOT FRENCH OPEN (Le Golf Narticoel Franke) Lesseling excoord-round scores (RE)
or Int useless staded, part 72-2* describes benstatural; 121.5 Rechardson (S. 63. 1.33 R.
Burns 67:66. 124 P. Brosstrus 70:64; I Wosnamt 69:65; R. Goosan (SA) 66:68. 1.35 R.
Allenby (Aus) 70:65; F. Notos (AU) 67:66; P.
U. Johnson (Swel 68:67; L. Wasthood 67:68; G. Orr 70:65. 1.24 S. Struwer (Carl 69:67; P.
U. Johnson (Swel 68:67; L. Wasthood 67:68; G. Orr 70:65. 1.24 S. Struwer (Carl 69:67; P.
U. Johnson (Swel 68:67; L. Wasthood 67:68; P.
U. Johnson (Swel 70:68; P. 10:67:70:67; P. Resfers) 66:70; T. Goos (Res 68:70) 70:68;
M. Mackenzie 71:65; M. Angiert (Swel 71:68; G. Turner (NC) 65:70; J. Cocares (Au) 70:68;
137 P. Heugstud (Not) 66:71:0 (Nartson (Swel) 70:67; T. Rom (Den) 68:71:0 (Notes 67:70; P. Modinier) 70:67; T. Townsend (US) 71:67; S. Balssteros (Sp) 72:66; C. Roma (M. 66:72: P. Wolfstron (Sp) 72:66; C. Roma (M. 66:72: P. Wolfstron (Sp) 72:66; C. Roma (M. 67:72: P. Wolfstron (Sp) 72:67; C. Roma (M. 67:72: P. C. P.
Stron (T. 68); E. Roma (M. 67:72: P. C. P.
Stron (T. 68); E. Roma (M. 67:72: P. C. P.
Stron (T. 68); E. Roma (M. 67:72: P. C. P.
Stron (T. 68); E. P. Martin (Sp) 70:70; P.
Chall (Sp) 73: C. P. Mitchell 70:70; M. MitchNutry (Sp) 73: C. P. Mitchell 70:70; M. MitchNutry (Sp) 73: C. P. Roma (M. 67:73: C. P. Curry
Stron (Sp) 63:72; C. Roma (Sp) 72: C. Roma
Joseph 73: C. P. Moles (Sp) 73: C. Roma
Joseph 73: C. P. Moles (Sp) 73: C. Roma
Joseph 73: C. P. Moles (Sp) 73: C. C. Mortgeometre 73:68; M. Davis 73:68; O. Laverton (Sp) 67:72; M. Stroner (Sp) 70:72; M. Stroner (Sp) 67:72; M. Stron

71: P Teravanen (US) 70 72: N Kalougure (Fr) 70 73: M Jorson (Swe) 74 95: P Affects (71 72: M Farry (Fr) 69 74: B Lane 71 72: M Welch 72 71: D Wilserns 72 71: T Proc (Aut) 72 71: P Golding 69 74. B Lane 71 72: M Welch 72 71: D Wilserns 72 71: T Proc (Sw.) 73 71: R Muriz (Neth) 73 71: R Rased 75 89: S Welster 73 71: R Coles 74 70: D Robertson 72 72: F Roca (Sp. 72 72: D Gelton 76 68: A Octoom 76 88: A Farrier 72 72: M Gense 74 70: M Medicen 75 69: D Carter 71 72: P Proc 172 72: J 46 E Bolognesi (t) 73 70: P Belos 72 73: J Pricen (Sp.) 73 72: P Lawrie 83 76; R McFaristre 71 74. 146 G Ryel 74 72; C Cevasr (Fr) 72 74; D Emerson 72 74: S Destroity 73 73: M Bessnooney (Fr) 72 74; D Emerson 72 74: S Coles 72 74: O Smyth 73 73: M Pricen (Sp.) 74 72: R Wilson 72 74: S Betwork 74 72: M Carmbell (MZ) 74 73: C Hall 74 73: L Hall R Green (MZ) 74 73: C Hall 74 73: D Februry 75 73: M Levon 69 79. Ret F Farraud (Fr); B Teletta (Fr). Withdraws, P Procs, P Woy. GLASHUTTE AUSTRIAN COPEN (Gorten for)

GLASRITTE AUSTRIAN OPEN (Gorbanhof). Leading Test-round scores (GB or in un-less state-fr. 70 S Waugh (Aust); N Moust L. Lambert (Aus.), 71 C D Wiffy N Crum (Den); L 7-diotso (Bed); I Yeoh (Maley); L Brooky (NZ); R Herbertrigon (Ausl.), 72 E Avon (Pr); S Noch-itr; M-Q Extuests (Phin, N Firsk (Aus); 7 Fis-cher (Ger); Morley, 73 F Dessu (Br; R Laugers (Swift); A Brighouse; V Michaud (Pr); L Hack-ney, M Amdi (Sp). ISH WOMEN'S OPEN AMATEUR CHAM-

BRITISH WOMEN'S OPEN AMALEUR GYAM-PONSHIP (Royal Unerpool, Howbaid) First-round results: SR Power (hilbertry) bit E Port (US) one hole; L Betran (Curragh) bit E Esteri (Ser) one hole; F Brown (Heswell) bit L Nichol-son (Heriot West University) at 20th: L Greve (Den) bit Shammon (185) trace and once; E Dug-gleby (Horsto and Norloy) bit E, Reids (Paimuch) three and both of Morean (Mormount) bit K Da-

TODAY'S NUMBER

The years since the Czechs tomorrow's European Cham pionship finalists - last played at Wembley when they lost 4-2 to England. Miroslav Kadlec and Lubos Kubik are the only current squad members who played in that game.

SPORTING DIGEST

doto (10 or A Theremen-Lemaine (Fr) two and une; T Mangain (Ermis) or K Andersson (Swe) three and two; M Michay (Tumbury) for Simposin (Cacchiveston and District) four and three; K Rostron (Catheroe) for L Tupholime (Noth-ciffel) one note; A Sensitive (So) four and three; K Rostron (Catheroe) for L Tupholime (Noth-ciffel) one note; A Sensitive (See) four and three; R Hudson (Wheelby) for B Noeth (US) at 19th; C Kuld (Gene) four and three; R Hudson (Wheelby) for B Noeth (IVS) at 19th; C Kuld (Gene) four and three; R Hudson (Wheelby) for B Noeth (IVS) at 19th; C Hudson (The Benishmet It S Coverley (Woodsome Heil) fee and three; M Alsaguren (Fr) to M Versperen (Fr) one hole; 1. Griffin (US) to B Jonas (Derbugh) at 19th; D Barm (See) to M McGreevy (Rossmore) and 4; I Hudson (Fr) 4 and 2; V Thurles (Pennerd) to G Noose (Fr) 4 and 3; U Demoti (Roy at Liverpool) for R Besley (Whittington Heath) 3 and 2; S Bauer (Fr) to A Vincent (Fr) 3 and 4; J Lundbergh (Swe) for J Hickmott (Chessen) 4 and 3; L Cathero (Griffin (US) to the Cathero (Griffin (US) to th

ECC; POURIE D'ASSACRESION DE INSC. CANON BREATER KARTFORD OPEN (Cromies), Cornecticut) Leading first-round scores (US miless stated; "denotes ama-burje 64.) Deley G (horman (Ms.), 56 R Gader. 67 R Melther; M Sulliver; H Sesalo (Jupan); K

TODAY Football

PATER/TOTO CLP Group One: Hapon Haifs (Isr) v Cliffort/life (N kil) (5.0), Group Four: Convy Utd (Wal) v Charleroi (Bel) (3.0) (at the Recoourse Ground, Wraniam), Group Rugby League

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: London v Brad-ford (6.0); Sheffield v Workington (6.0). First Division: Wakefield v Batley (6.0). Other sports

BOOMS: (Kend: Brisin super featherweight championship: PJ Gellagher (Wood Green, holder) v C Shepherd (Silleth). GOLF: Ryder Sentors Classic (Collingtree Park, Northampton). TENNIS: Wimbledon Championships England Lawn Tennis Club, London).

WEEKEND FIXTURES TOMORROW

Football

EUROPEAN CHA

Rugby League
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford v Hol-

itar (3.30); St Helens v Leeds (3.0); Worm v Wigan (3.0). First Divisions Hull v K ley (3.15); Rochdale v Hutdersfield (5 ley (3.15); Rochozie v Hudoensken (5.50) Whitehaven v Widnes (3.30). Second Divi ston: Bramley v South Wales (5.0); Chorle v Swriton (6.0); Hunslet v Hull NR (3.30); Leg

ATHLETICS: Buon International (Ga GOLF: Ryder Seniors Classic (Collingrae Park, Northampton). MOYOR RACING: RAC Touring Car Champinot played regularly for years. That gives some clue about the way we are going to play it. Currie said. "We will be looking for a very strong defensive performance from Peter."

Workington, the bottom club. go to Sheffield today with a pack that looks more threadbare than ever. Colin Armstrong was sold to Swinton this week and Jason Palmada, who may ioin the exodus soon, and Stephen Holgate, who is being linked with Wigan, are both like

turns from suspension and Tony Smith could make his comeback after hreaking his hand.

ter Tigers will continue to wear let-

ters on their shirts after a change of heart by the Welford Road club's committee.

by the westor to an actub s commutee. They had voted to end 70 years of tra-dition last year by deciding to introduce numbers on the shirts. But at last night's

annual meeting. Peter Wheeler, the Che

Executive, announced there had been a change of heart and that the side would continue to play in letters.

English and Welsh Second Division clubs

cation to join Super League will be considered on Wednesday have offered to give up the full share of News Corporation money to which they would be emitted for their first year and to manage on the smaller, First Division allocation.

organisers hope that the Rugby Foot-ball Union and Welsh Rugby Union will ball Union and Welsh Rugby Union will give their approval. PROPOSED ANGLO-WELSH TOURNAMENT: Group At Cross Neys, Waterion, Portypool, Rohmond, Maester, Blackhosth, Group Br. Moseley, Blackhood, South Wales Police, Abertaynon, Coventry, Discinstructure of Lorentine, Description, Abertanon, Walefield, Group Dr. Bomymaen, Rothertann, Versindighales, Group Dr. Bomymaen, Rothertann, Versindighales, Garrier Barton, Control Institute of Egiptic Control of Control

have agreed to set up their own Anglo-Welsh competition next season. The competition, which will run alongside the Scilling
Rollex CUP (Saint Tropez) Fourth race: 1
French lvss if Podfoux, Fri. 7-Spts; 2 Nyala iP
Sentoli, ht2ps; 3 Italia il, Sarealla, m 3ps. Fifth
race: 1 Italia . 7-Spts; 2 French Ress 2ps; 3 Nyala
3ps; Overall results: 1 French Ress 4.25; 2
Italia 5.5pts; 3 Nyala 14.0pts. tournament for First Division clubs, will involve 24 clubs. So far only Newca the have decided not to enter because of travel problems but their place is likeby to be taken by a Third Division side. It will be played in four groups of so with the top two clubs from each group qualifying for the quarter-linals. Competition

Stakes, where Sihafi, the 8-15

EVENING RACING RESULTS GOODWOOD oia Mediao Auction Maideo

6.40: 1. PRESENT SITUATION

Cook) 10-1; 2. Jazzim 7-2 favounte; 3. Chair-Look 10-1; 2, Jacks 7-2 Februarte; 3, Cherr-manns Choice 13-2, 10 Fast, 1, 4c, Lord Hurr-ngdont, Totes £7,30; £1,90, £1,20, £2,60. Dual Forecast: £14,10. Computer Straight Forecast: £43,40. Tricost: £134,95. Tote Tric. £30,90.

NEWCASTLE

6.15: 1. FUN GALORE (M Hills) 2.9 tay. 2. Samsung Spirit 7-2. 2 ran. 2. (B Hills). Toto: win £1.10. 6.50: 1. TWICE AS SHARP IG HING 11-2: 2. Ziggy's Dencer 12: 1: 3. Lord High Admiral 9: 1. 12 ran. 4: 1 to Crowded Avenue. 1: 5. nk. (P Hams). Total £9.40; £3.00, £3.10, £2.30. Dual Forecast: £51.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £67.83. Incest: £560.62. Tho: £169.00.

Seb Sanders and Richard Hughes were the stars at Folkestone vesterday where both rode doubles. Sanders bagged a 71-1 brace courtesy of Cross of Valour (8-1) and Sacred Mirror (7-1), while Hughes pulled a pair worth just over 9-1 via Friendly Brave (7-4 favourite) and Neuwest (11-4 favourite). Epsom-based Sanders struck with the James Toller-trained Cross of

Valour in the Scantruck For Sca-

favourite, was all the rage. It looked as if the odds were due to be landed at halfway wheo Ed Dunlop's Sihafi was five lengths clear under Richard Hills. But Cross of Valour gradually began to peg the hot-pot back and hit the front 75 yards from home to score by one and a half lengths. Toller said: "We had decided before the race to keep at it all the way just in case there was a chink in the favourite's armour. I am so pleased because I thought I had found the right race for my gelding, but then they reopened it and Sihafi was put in and I thought our chance had gone." Dunlop, greeting his runner up. said gloomily: "If only the race had been over five furlongs instead of six." Sanders followed up on the Clive Brittain-handled Sacred Mirror, who went ahead over two furlongs out to beat Silktail and Giftbox, the heavily backed 5-4 favourite, by three and a balf lengths and eight.



Saracens'

three-year

Wallace deal

TOUR DE FRANCE: Indurain plots sixth consecutive victory as the great race begins today

'Sphinx' prepares to cast his spell

ROBIN NICHOLL

reports from 's Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

Ernest Hemingway would have enjoyed the romance of the triumphal homecoming of the farmer's son, Miguel Indurain, to Pamplona, the town the American author loved and wrote about in his The Sun Also

Pampiona will be in midfiesta, with 182,000 people cel-ebrating St Firmin's festival when the local hero charges into town with the Tour de France in three weeks' time. It promis-

es to be quite a party. Outrunning the bulls through the narrow streets of this medieval town may be their sport for the festival, but for Indurain's rivals there appears to be no way of outriding or out-

flanking the Spaniard. "The Sphinx" as he is known has had the Tour spellbound for five years - and Pamplona waits to welcome its favourite son in the firm belief that once again he will be wearing the vellow jer-sey of Tour No 1. He has, after alt, worn the colour for 60 days

To make the town's homage even stronger and the celebrat-ing louder he arrives the day after his 32nd birthday —a sign of the stage-managing that is a forte of the Tour organisation. Their diplomacy also has been tested. After a letter from the Basque separatists of ETA, Tour organiser Jean-Marie Lehlanc has agreed to a Basque-speakiog commentator on the Tour while it is in Spain.

Indurain hails from Villava. some kilometres from Pamplona, but Hemingway's town is where his competitive edge was honed as a child pedalling to earn a sandwich and a drink for completing his race. It is also where Jose Miguel Echevarri ran a bar until his motivational skills as a manager were called on to build a professional team, and Indurain happened to cross his path. Now both are in the Nether-

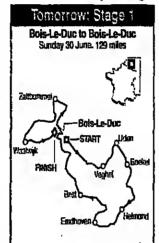
mountains and plenty of uncertainties.

The curtain-raiser time trial over nine kilometres could fall to Britain's Chris Boardman, but it is who will stand on the Paris podium on 21 July that really matters. Boardman has no doubts, "I watched Induraio in the Dauphine Libere race, ft was a lesson," he said. "He passed up opportunities to inflict damage, waiting until the time was right to do maximum damage with little effect on himself, physically and mentally. He knows how to play men-

"After last year 1 thought the ONCE riders were the team to keep attacking Indurain uotil he broke, hut after their top man, Laurent Jalabert, cracked in the Dauphine Libere. I believe that they settled for less than overall victory."

Julabert, world ranked No1. has long been the best chance France have had since Bernard Hinault joined the clite cluh with five Tour victories. Jalabert has the hallmarks of a challenger, but so too have others, and new names are joining the queue to prevent Indurain es-tablishing a new and exclusive cluh with six Tours.

Switzerland's Tony Rominger



lands for today's start. Ahead of Indurain stretch 22 days of rac- and a Tour of Italy, and admits, ing through five countries. 24 that at 35, "this is my last chance" to complete a set.

Next year Rominger plans to change his team role to lieutenant in the hope that he can help another Spanish rider to win. His team-mate Abraham Olano is, at first glance, ao Indurain look-alike. Last year he won the world road-race title ahead of Indurain - which brought him insults from his fellow Basques for beating the great man - and was second to him in the world time trial

championship. Second in last year's Tour of Spain and third in the Tour of ltaly last month, Olaoo's higtour pedigree is shaping up. This time he rides in support of Rominger.

The Russian challenge is headed by Yevgeny Berzin whose beating of Indurain in the 1994 Tour of Italy was seen as yet another signal. The list of hopefuls ranges from Berzin to Alex Zülle of Switzerland. They are all waiting for Indurain to falter so that they can pounce. Pamplona hopes it will not be during their 17th stage, which is rated the hardest with 260 kilometres and five mouotains.

Strong legs and a tactical brain do help but riders need "teeth". Knowing how to grind your rivals on those torturous days is the key. Indurain has it. After three days here, the

race crosses Belgium into France, then in the second week heads for Italy to finish at Sestriere on the top of a 2,300 metres climb that is ooe of the four highest Tour peaks, Spain follows in the final week as the Tour maiotains its roving role which began 42 years ago at Amsterdam with the first start outside France. Despite the Indurain reign,

everyone has a level of ambition. For Boardman it is to reach the Paris finale, a distant 3,900 kilometres away, for the first time and in the top 20, while Britain's other hope, Max Sciandri, wants to improve on last year's stage win.

TOUR DE FRANCE 29 June 6.4 km 1 July 30 June 228 km 206 km O Start Individua Course 4 July 225 km Transfer C Art-et-Senans 14 July 185 km STAGE 1 11 July



Yevgeny Berzia Age: 26 Born: Vyborg, Russia Resides: Broni, Italy

His 1994 Giro d'Italia dominance of Miguel Indurain, particularly in the time trials, put him high among the 1995 contenders, but bronchitis ended his Tour ambitions after 10 days.

Laurent Jalaberi

Age: 35 Born and resides: Maza-Born: Voyens, Denmark, Resides: Monte Carlo

Team: Mapei World ranked No 1, he has With three Vuelta d'Esbeen winning Tour stages since 1992, plus the pagna and a Giro d'Italia to points jersey (consistent finishing) in 1992 and Tour natural. Third last year and second in the 1993. 1995. The team manager, Manolo Saiz, also has Tour plus taking the mountains jersey proved that.

Alex Zülle Age: 28 Born and resides: Wil,

Team: ONCE Reaffirmed last year his earlier Tour promise (wore the vellow jersey in 1992) his credit. Rominger is a with second place. He can climb mountains and win time trials, the primany attributes of a Tour

The 24-year-old tight-head prop won the last of his five caps against England at Twickenham in March. His move means that also been completed. only three of that side are still Cardiff chief executive, said. The Scottish Rugby Union with Irish clubs - the Maione pair Denis McBride and Maurice Field and Dungannon's Jeremy Davidson.

Explaining his decision to move, Wallace said: "I felt that I might later regret turning down the chance to play in the English First Division."

Rugby Union

The Irish international Paul

to England by signing for Sara-cens on a three-year contract

from Blackrock College.

Wallace has joined the exodus

Cardiff yesterday signed the Wales and Bridgend scrumhalf Robert Howley. The Courage league champioos Bath had been favourites to prise Howley away from the Brewery Field but he wanted to stay in Wales.

Cardiff also announced three other signings in their major team-strengthening exercise. The centre Leigh Davies has joined from Neath, the full-back Justin Thomas from Llanelli and the £65,000 transfer of former Wales rugby league captain David Young from Salford has

"All four players are among the best in their positions in the United Kingdom," Gareth Davies, the

yesterday announced a loss of £627,000 after tax for 1995-96. Although turnover increased by £300,000 to £8.4m expenditure oo players, coaches and other expenses amounted to £665,000 up to the year ending in March.

The SRU said next year would also see a deficit. But the & union's finance convenor lain Laughland said the SRU intended to maintain the currect level of financial support to club rugby, which last year doubled to £525,000.

Round the Island is cause for celebration

Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER

When the 1,368 entrants line up off Cowes this morning for the 60th annual Round the Island (of Wight) Race it will be a celebration of the growing popularity of recreational maritime competitioo and a further unhappy contrast with how the top end of bigboat racing is being managed.

The 50-mile circumnavigation-cum-jamboree has a new sponsor, the Hoya optical lens maker. They are happy to back a settled product, as are Skaodia Life for Cowes Week and the Hackett clothing company for the International Etchells.

However, talk of the Admiral's or America's Cup and Britain struggles to raise a team, find a sponsor, or be confident enough to put its cards on the table.

The Round the Island will be raced under the Cruising Handicap System, which has worked remarkably well for a long time. The grand-prix end has been led down the International Measuremeot System route, which is close to imploding.

But while the professiooals debate the disarray at the top. the main huddles have been about what today's weather will bring. The forecast is for fresh oorth-westerlies, ideal for a fast getaway west out of the Soleot and around the Needles.

Mike Slade - whose mooohull record of five hours, 35min 18sec was set oo the 80-foot Ocean Leopard in 1991- returns with a newer maxi, Hoya Longabarda.

DONCASTER

6.45 Elrayahin 7.15 Camionneur 7.45 Bayford Thrust 8.15 Berenice 8.45 Ballynakelly 9.15 Iceni GOING: these to late tweethers

STALLS: Strught = (4,006) sale; round = unide, encept round nub = (0,006) ORAW ADVANTAGE; None man angular species of the state of the sta CAR PARKS Free

SIS

BLINEEREO FIRST TIME: Jobi (Usured, 7.1%) WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: Mone. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS; None. LONG OISTANCE RUNNERS; Aloyla (I) Forser 4:1 interfrom J Dunlop's Artifild Stable in West Sussex, Bullynakelly (8, U) sent 185 miles from R. Geharst's Epsone stable in Surrey.

6.45 ERF LONSDALE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO fillies 7f

| | 7.15 | MAIDEN H'CAP (CLASS E) SIS |
|---|------------|--|
| | N . 1996 | SYCAMORE LODGE (7) for 1 Part. Ser : \$0.0. % Fallon 12 |
| 1 | 4 | LOLIGH ERRE (22) C Mai 4 9 LC Pat Editory 1 |
| 1 | | SNAA SPIN [7] 1365, 197 1 Carroll 2 |
| | | AND NIGHT SPELL (23) 1/61: 19 i R Hills 4 |
| | | SEA DANEZIG (10) Predo: 395 G Hind 5 |
| 3 | | LACHESIS (17) 5 +5-2102/393 F Lynch (5) 6 |
| | 1 | LAPU-LAPU (36) V Correct > 3.85 J Fortune 11 |
| | 0.75 | MY MULE 12) 9 Bass 3 5 K Darley 12 |
| | F -07.39 | MY MULIE 12 H 535 3 5 |
| | 9 (2005) | CASHORNELR (2) * Eastern 3.5 3 G Duffield 10 8 |
| | 10 000000 | ENBEZZER (260) 5 Garage 4 5 8 Souders 14 8 |
| i | 12 4047067 | CHOIC HUND (23) Vann dare 4 8 0 J Faming 8 |
| 1 | 11 (65-69) | JEST (USA) (92) C 1927, 6 7 12 |
| | 3 -C(45 | BILE LUGANA (23) '1 P 10 10 Quian 9 8 |
| | | The state of the s |

13 (40) PRESENT IN CORRECT (12) C Sect. 3 7 19. Link Glass 3 19 (40) PRESENT IN CORRECT (12) C Sect. 3 7 19. Link Glass 3 19 (40) PRESENT IN CORRECT (12) C Sect. 3 7 19. Link Glass 3 19 (40) PRESENT (12) C Sect. 3 7 19 (40) PRESENT (13) PR

FOLKESTONE

2.10: 1. ADVANCE REPRO of Dichelor 9-1. 2. Muss Barcelona 35: 2. 3. Summerville Wood 11:4. 6 Jan. 4: 4 for forest 5 stone 5th 11: 6 of 4 sent of Control Emboured Tota; 21: 45: 45: 61: 95: 0 Jan. Process 124: 61. Control

2.40: 1. FRIENDLY BRAVE RHAMES 14. 2. Another Batchworth 3-1. 3. Half fone 1-2. 4 ran. 1. 3. ... 10 Co. Felleum, Amy James Total \$2.90.05. \$5.20. CSF:

3.10: 1. CROSS OF VALOUR IS SANdery-5-1-2. Smaft 3 15 (a), 3. Depiction 6-1 7 ran. 1 ... 10. 17 June 1. Aprilation Total:

886, 1 ... 10. 17 favor 6 Aprilario 1 Tobe: 19 80: 11.50. 11 40. DF. 13 00 CSF 110.66. 18: Amazor Products

7.45 WESTSIDE STAKES(CLASS D) SIS £4,550 added 2YO 5f

8.15 MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f O. ARKTIKOS (15) J Gosden 3.8.11... GREENSTEAD (USA) J Gosden 3.8.

| Company | Content | Cont

8.45 HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 SIS

9.15 STOCKIL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added filles 7f

223 SUPPLEMENTS BLILE HOOF PEARS, 39 10 ... A College Page 11 CONTINUE BOOK (12) (10) M Part 4 9 10 8 Doyle 8 11 (vol. 50 AMAZING (21) (10) 1 (vol. 4 9 9 R Lappin 6 00-50 17 ACADEMIC (14) (10) M Part Part 2 9 9 R Rainn 12 00-50 TABL OF SILVER (49) A Buley (49 S G Dorffold 1

8 (C Shitan) Seemarket). Total: £7 10: 0, £250, £150 Du/ Forcast £48.80. £4150 Incast £67.52. Total Inc

4.20: 1. NEOWEST /R Rughest 11:4 htt. 2. Young Mustard 7:2, 3. Entlori 7:1. 8 ran. 1:42 NYLAGE NA, your Lide. Tota: 55.10: 51:50 - 51:0, 52:40, DF, 53:40 - CSF 513:99 (Nature 260.36).

113 20 house 160.35.
4.40; 1. MONTONE (C II Manushi 3-1 R G., 2. Don't Drop Bombs 6-1-3. Ownbetts 13-2. 14 ras, 3-1 R G. Rossong (5m), (7m), 1-, -1 km) for Sp. 100. Total (5-20, 12-80, 62-40, 23.10 Dual Forecast: 119-20 CSF 203 30, masset 111.2.72. Inc. (117.20. Placepot: £170.50 Quadpot: 44-70 Place 6: £85.40. Place 5: £10.00.

NEWMARKET

2.00: 1. TITCHWELL LASS (J Start): 5-4

tar. 2. Another Quarter 9-4: 3. Native Song 16-1. 7 ran. 7°., 1°. if Banks, Neuman-ten, Tota: £2.20; £1.40, £2.10. Dual Fore-cas: £2.40 Computer Straight ForeCast

2.30; 1. DARRING DESTINY (D. Holand) 7-2; 2. Silent Expression 11:1, 3. Prainting 5-2 (m. 7 ran. 2 >, 1" a. (N. Burke, Wantage), Total E4:50; £2.70, £3.90, DF: £27.00, CSF

3.00: 1. MASTER CHARTER (A F380n: 7-2 co fax; 2. Secret Aly 8-1; 3. Komreyev Denoer 10-1 7 ran. 7-2 co fax Ahawa & Statajach, shr-hd, 2 Miss 1 Ramsden, Brisk). Teter £4.10; £1.90, £4.00. DF: £35.10, CSF £26.74.

LINGFIELD

6.30 Meltemison 7.00 Durham 7.30 Barrier King 8.00 Bowcliffe Grange (nb) 8.30 Double-O-Seven 9.00 Double Bluff

Age: 27

met, France

eam; ONCE

Alex Zülle just in case...

GOING: Turf - Firm [watering]; all-weather - standard, STALLS: Turf - straight - stands' sole; Im II - holde; Im II -nutsale; all-weather - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High of to Ti I htych

fattersalls 59: Silver Ring 55. CAR PARK: Club 53; rest free SIS

ES IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Lalindi (6:3) | won al

uray.
LONG OESTANCE RUNNEES: Pearl Anniversary (7.00) &
Double-O-Seven (8.00) sen: 270 miles from M Johnston's Middichum stable in North Yorkslure. 6.30 SAFFRON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 3f 106yds

7.00 LYDD SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 5f (AW)

000006 LAHOK CLER IS NOT 3 7 10 11 .003-0 LADY POLY (1983 issue Pouton 8 7 10..... R Minimu (7) 12 8 - 12 declared -SETTING: 11-4 Chetoslak, 3-1 Darham, 5-1 Watch Me Go, 6-1 Genesia Four, 7-1 Pearl Anniversary, 8-1 Yellow Dragon, 12-1 others

3.30: 1. REIMEI (T (Nam)) 9-2: 2. Look-ingforaralnbow 4-1 fat: 3. Quivira 14-1. 10 ran. 1-4, hd. IR Alecturst, Epsom. Total E5-10: £2 00, £1-40. £6-30, Dual Forecast: £15-70. CSF £21-93. Treast: £215.01. Tho:

LOO: 1. GALINE IEmma O'Gormani 13-

. 8 ran. 3-1 fav Angaar (6th. 1%, 3%, 0 Commant. Total £9.70, £2.20, £2.90, .70, DF: £61.80, CSF: £60.05, Incast:

4.30: 1. YASHMAK (For Eddery) 2-5 lav: 2. Man Howa 20-1; 3. Graposhot 5-1, 6 ras. 1-1, 3-1. (H Cecil, Newmarkett, Total: £1.40; £1.60, £3.00, DF: £8.70, CSF:

£538 29. Ino: £425.30. NR: Chalce

E8.97 Jackpot: £4,878.90. Pla £257.20, Conduct: £48.00

Place 6: £157,08. Place 5: £125.79.

7.30 HEF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) SKY BARRIER KING (USA) (9) P Cole 9 0..... CASTLE ASHEY MCK (19) P Howing 9 0.... DOUBLE-J (36) (BF) K McYukife 8 0 -W 1 O'Com TEAR WHITE CORD T LANK 9 O. AYBEBBIRL (10) (BF) Ms J Ceol 8 9... FASTINET P. Johnson Houghon B 9... SWIFT REFUSAL (15) M Hoynes 8 9... TRADDIG ACES (28) M Bel 8 9... -8 doctared BETING: 9-4 Barrier Kieg, 7-2 Festivet, 5-1 Castle A
girl, 6-1 Swift Refused, 8-1 Tracking Acos, 10-1 others

8.00 (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 203160 SPENDER (18) (CD) P Hams 7 10 0

800033 SUPERIAO (1) [D] J Brober 4 7 13. Derrier Moffett (3) 7 30-0400 LINCON TWENTY ONE (22) M Haynes 3 7 10... N Carlisle 8 II — 7 declared —

= 7 declared = BEITHG: 5-2 Sowellife Grange, 7-2 Superisc, 4-1 Testiny Tempest, 3-2 Walk The Bast, 5-1 Helliand, 3-1 Sponder, 66-1 Liucen Twenty One 8.30 CLASS F) E3,450 3YO 71 (AW) 120 DOUBLE-C-SEVEN (A2) (CD) M Johnston 9 6 T Williams 3

REISH (15) J Flock-Heyes 8 11 ... 00-0003 COMDOR MIDGE (15) 8 Meeton 88. 20-5030 EWAR SUMPISE (11) C British 8 7... SOTOMAN (HOL) (38) Mrs L Succes 8 6...

9.00 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 370 im if 0.2 AMADOUR (33) P Methell 90...... ITS H Thomson Jones 89___ FARILY SLIRE (273) N Bern 8 9.

SOUTH WIND (10) Mrs J Cred 8 9. - 8 declared -1 Scoth Wind, 4-1 Agrilette, 6-1 Bath Knight,

WOLVERHAMPTON

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.20: 1. MISTER RM IP Bloomfield: 1:6-1:2. Sheenghal LB 16-1:3. Ring The Chiler

7-1. 13 ran. 11-4 hrv Monegheth. 74. shr.

10: REGUEST, Tobe: E11.00: 2:5.0; 2:3.90,

2.30: 1. TROUBLOURF SOME IP McCabe!

5-7 larc 2. Princely Galt 12-1:3. Heighth

of Farme 13-2: 10 ran. ht 4. (WHASH. Tobe:

2.50: £1.30, £2.50, £2.60, DF: £19.80,

CSF: £3.30, Tan: £67.40,

3.20: 1. PRINCESS EFISIO (5 Care) 7
1: 2. Silk Cottage 5-1:3. Bowlers Boy 11
4 for. 8 ran. 14-7, 16 McMohamm. Tobe:

1: 2. Silk Cottage 5-1: 3. Bowlers Boy 11-4 to. 3 ram. 1/4, ". (B McMahan). Tota: £7-20; £2.10, £2-20, £2-40. DF: £9-20. CSF.

3.50; 1, JOHN WE THE JOKER (Dean Mck-count 11-1; 2. Oberon's Dart 11-2; 3. Fm

£39,15. Tocast: £110.16, 3.50: 1. JOHNNE THE J

Your Lady 9-1. 10 ran, 7-2 lay Vax New Way, nk, 2, 11 Leight. Tota: £13.80; £3.20, £3.60, £2.10. F. £50.60; £9: £66.56. Vacst: £56.37. This: £121.30, 4.20: 1. GROVEFAIR DANCER (A Cark) 13-8 fax; £ Riscatto 7-12. A. Astone Queen 4-1, a ran, 1, 1%, 18 Meethan, Tota: £2.20; £1.30, £4.20, £2.10. Df £15.20, CSF: £13.70.

£13.70.

4.50: 1. DELROB (A Mockey) 6-1; 2. Yo Kirl-9 8-1; 3. Austra's Contesses 16-1, 13 ran. 7-2 ray Belenda Blue. Vs. st.-hd. (D Heydri Jones). Teds: £97.70: £3.60, £4.30, £5.00. DF: £46.10. CSF: £57.36. Treast: £711.56. rac £276.50.
Piacespot: £236.90. Quadpot: £10.50.

Evening results, page 19

Piece 6: £538.78 Piece 5; £73.68.

WORCESTER HYPERION 2.35 Stately Home 3.05 Greycoat Boy 3.35 Funcheon Gale 4.10 East Houston 4.45 Caspian Beluga 5.15 Rare Spread

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

MLcf-hund course, level with long studghts, easy turns and a one furious run-in.

M Course is on the A443 by the River Secret. Workester (Firegate St. Latina In Int. ABINESSION). Members \$12.50; Tuttersally \$9.50; Course \$5 (OAPs \$2.50). CAR PARK: Free; planic area parking \$2.50.

SIS RACENG

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Secret Cas-tle (245): Onthestral Designs (3,0%): Hurthe (1.35): Ownerstand intergrap (2.54); analyty (2.55).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYES
Derring Bridge (4.10) won at Southwell lest
Saturday, Island Vision (2.35) won at Southwell lest Sourristy.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: East House-ton (4.10) sent 211 miles from J O'Neil's
Skelson Wood End stable in Cambria.

235 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HICAP HIRDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 1 3-1 ISLAND VISION (7) (P) 6 11 10 ...

— 11. declared —
Lannum weigh; 10s. True h'esp weigh; Royal Gint
et Sis, Countywide Lad Str 70. Secret Carde Str 10.
E1990 8.2 Sideral Weigh; 4.1 Siem Wyn, 9-2 Shell-ware, 8-1 Statuty Home, 8-1 others 3.05 FERRY MAIDEN HURDLE

(CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m 4f CLASS F) E2,650 atdried 2m 47
OF HENGHAM FOLLY (S20) 5115 __7 Bay
OC-CHERTS BMY (42) 8 115 __R Guest
42 DOTHER (2B) 8115 __W Remplays
F LOND OF HE MIL (80) 5115 __W Remplays
F LOND OF HE MIL (80) 5115 __W Remplays
F LOND OF HE MIL (80) 5115 __W Remplays
F LOND OF HE MIL (80) 5115 __W REMPLAY
F MRNAMAR (210) 6115 __W PHENDY (8)
F O GREENINA, DESIGNS (20) 5115 ___
S Barrough #
AP FRANCING (110) 7115 ___ D Barrough
AP FRANCING (110) 7115 ___ D Barrough

5 AP PHARMAGO (111) 7 11.5 ... IS Burden's 4P PHARMAGO (111) 7 11.5 ... K Goude (2) 60 25-55ACCHUCHT (37) 6 11.5 .D. Bridgender 11. JET DOME GERMEN STATE (20) 8 11.5 LBT Judges 11. JET DOMESH HEN (57) 6 11.0 ... A. P. NOCOS 3 MAINEMENT (6 11.0 L. Honory 4P PEZISHEPS 200.4 7 11.0 ... Y Shaftery 5 DESILVE WHEN FOR 10.1 10.1 2. Y Shaftery

DRED THYINE CLOS 6 11 0 .S WA 18 GREYCOVT BOY 4 10 13 __R Dummondy 19 00 LASTER LIGHT LADY (10) 4 10 8 _B Powell 3.35 JOAN SWIFT H'CAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 7f

1 1-2 LEMONTS WILL (20) (D) (SF) 7 12 0 ... 4 62-4 ABBOTSHAM (20) 11 10 1 __Mr J Johns P.P. HURRYUP (26) 9 10.0 _167; Culloty (3) 8
1.4. FUNCHEON GRUE (27) (20) 9 10.0 , D Morris
P.P. PETY (BRIDGE (5) 12.10 , D Powel
P.S. SEAL KING (200) 09 11 10 0 ... A PacCoy
P.P. DAUREAN TYCOON (36) 12 10 0

List von reuter A. Mittellin (10) 10 10 Q. Mr. I Groede Mittinum weißer, 10s. Two threading weight: Hurvey 9s 12s, Fundelin dale 9s 12s, Febry Beige 9s 10b. Seel Nieg 9s 7b. Taurean Tycom 9st 3b, Fyten Gurd & Hoodsmethn 9st 18s, Father Dowley 9s 12th, Mr. 4d Metur 9s 4b.

tie, 9-2 Funci eon Bulc, 7-1 others 4.10 MALVERN BLINDS HCAP HUR DLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m

LE (CLESSES DE ANDO SALESSES S 3-1 DESERVE BRIDGE (7) 0) 810 1. - 64 MISS PROPERMEL (7) 610 0.

1115P- 1914ZARI (25) (D) 8 100 L He - 11 declared -Minimum weight: 10st. Thus handions weight: Miss. Pimpernel Bst 11th, Nhasad Bst 7th. BETTING: 3-1 All On, 4-1 South Wes ner laves 3-1AH On, 4-1 South Westerly, 5-1 Section Boy, 6-1 Tipping The Line, 7-1 others 4.45 BESFORD NOVICE HICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4500 added 2m

1F CASPIAN BELIGA (30) (3) 8 12 0. G Upton PF GRIGGE (200) 6 11 11 _____ A P McCoy 0-6 MANAGOUTH-EHOUSE (21) 9 11 7 ___ Harrey

13 40- MANESWACK (261) 6 10 0 14 06 OUR NEWS (122) 6 10 0 S Su

5.15 STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m 1-1 RESAL CEN (21) 5 11 10 __B Femion (3 00- DISCOS WEIL (410) A Saley 5 11.5 _O Pen

- 19 d

into your

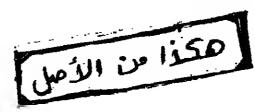
Inst click on the MSN icon on your Microsoft Windows® 95 PC, you can try it FREE for a whole months with the Microsoft Network

The Microsoft Network

The Microsoft Network

The Microsoft Network

For wore information call 0345 00 2000. Free 30 day trial available to new MSN members in the UK. Telephone connection charges are not included. Credit card required for less sted. Offer ands 31/12/96. Microsoft and Windows are registered trademarks, and MSN and Where



Dushyantor to keep it in family

his favourite broodmare Slightly Dangerous may increase to marshmallow consistency 10morrow afternoon. The 17year-old matron has already produced one Irish Derby winner in Commander In Chief and a runner-np in Deploy, and their half-brother Dushyantor is the favourite to add to the family's laurels in the Curragh

At Epsom, Dushyantor failed where Commander lo Chief succeeded. But he gave Par Edderv an uncomfortable ride becoming unsettled by horses around him in the early stages and getting into all sorts of trouble coming down the hill before producing a sustained run in the

The Sadler's Wells colt has not yet shown an instant change of pace, and the use of pacemaker Private Song tomorrow should help draw any finishing kick from his rivals.

The absence of both the Ep-som hero Shaamit and the Prix du Jockey-Club winner Ragmar

Sue Montgomery expects the favourite to give his dam a second Irish Derby win

unbe

ten in two runs, he has yet

to tackle Pattern company - and

he has been plagued by un-soundness. His rider Michael

Kinane, surprisingly, has yet to win his local Classic in 14 pre-

vious attempts.
Blinkers will be fitted to the

handsome head of Alhaarth, a

respectable staying-on fifth at

Epsom, in a bid to recapture the

lazy colt's two-year-old sparkie.

get off the mark for the season in the Irish Derby was the 33-1 ontsider Weavers Hall 23

years ago, so recent history is against Dick Hern's bid for a

secood winner after the very

smart Troy supplemented his

Big-race specialists Godol-

phin rely on the potential of

Epsom success 1979.

However, the last horse to

means that the traditional Eng-lish French Derby showdown will be contested by the two run-

JURDAY 29 JUNE 1996

And the best guide to the chances of Polaris Flight will come an hour and three-quarters before the Irish Derby,

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Hayaain (5.00 Bath) NB: Diffident (Newmarket 4.05)

wheo Ragmar cootests the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. But the Jockey-Club form reads pretty well so far, with seventhplaced Grape Tree Road and Astor Place, eighth, both having woo since.

The Henry Cecil-trained Dushyantor and Peter Chapple-Hyam's Polaris Flight head a record nine-strong British as-sault oo the £600,000 prize

Sharaf Kabeer, an easy winner of his maiden at Kempton but facing a huge step up in class, and the proveo form of French pool. Michael Stoute's Dr Massini, a late withdrawal from Derby fourth Don Micheletto, who seems held by Polaris Epsom, owes his secood Flight and may not possess the favouritism to reputation rather stamina to last home in a truly-ruo mile and a half race. than performance - although

The raiding team is com-pleted by the Clive Brittain pair Spartan. Heartbeat, whn looks a complete no-hoper, and Amfortas, who stepped up on anything he had previously shown wheo he beat, among others, Derby third Shantou at

Royal Ascot. The best of the weak home side may prove to be Aiden O'Brien's local 2,000 Guineas runner-up Raiobow Blues, though no maiden has ever

won an Irish Derby. Dushyantor (4.00) can head the expected clean sweep for Britain by beating Alhaarth and Polaris Flight, giving Eddery his fifth victory and ensuring the Group One victory flag is hoisted above Warren Place for the third time this season.

NEWCASTLE 3.15: BAYTN, who finished a highy creditable half-length second to Sir Joey in a decent handicap at Salisbury last time, can go one better. Fame Again may find this trip on the short side and Amron looks a

3.50: CELERIC, who ran Corradim to a short-head over a mile and six furlongs at York tast time, promises to be even more effective at two miles. He loves firm ground and is preferred to Snow Princess. who beat Latahaab by a comfortable four lengths over this trip at Dopcaster last time but might not e as effective on this forecast fast surface. Foundry Lane may find the surface. Foundry Lame may find the lack of a receol outing a disadvantage but Fujiyama Crest, Noufari and Sea Victor are fairly handicapped on their best form and could go well. Backdrop is capable of better than he showed when taken very wide on the home turn and finishing. 2016 hearths fifth to Gleech in the ing 21/2 lengths fifth to Gordi in the Queens Vase at Royal Ascot. Prior to that, he was 1½4 lengths sec-ond to Bahamian Knight in the Italian Derby. A reproduction of that would cottile him to go close.

4.20: CANTON VENTURE, a creditable neck second to Soba Up at Chester on Wednesday, can get

4.50: IKTAMAL, 21/: leogths fifth to Atraf in the Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot, holds ven-ture Capitalist and Branstoo Abby on that form.

NEWMARKET 3.90: Benny The Dip performe Sandown and Tony Garth again gets the ride. The partnership may have to settle for second place once more, however, PARTY RO-MANCE was a good fourth at Roy 000

3.30: Bequeath's easy win earlier this month was at Beverley but is expected to acquit himself well in this higher-class contest. MID-NIGHT LEGEND, though, wilt prove hard to heat having shown be is as good as ever last time. حَدد

4.05: Inzar beat some speeds opposition when making all the run ning to win at Haydock last time looz, who in contrast needs to be held up, may have hit the froot too soon when a well-backed run ner-up 31 Royal Ascot. But TERESHKOVA may have their measure oow that she steps down in distance after fading close home in a mile event at Epsom.

2224.35: MOONLIGHT PARADISE looked useful when bearing Rain-dancing at Goodwood two weeks ago and should prove too good for today's rivals.

| | 1981 | 87 | 88 | 99 | 90 | 21 | 12 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|------------|------|------|
| Fate of the Uncerter | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1-4 | . 2 | .12 | 3-8 | :2 | 2 | 7. |
| Wirmer's alarting price: | 4-1 | 20-1 | 94 | 41 | 92 | 20-1 | .61 | 7-1 | 251 | 12-1 |
| Winner's place in betfing | 1 | 0. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | _3 | 0 | Ö | 0 |
| Whener's draw | 3 | 3 | 7. | 3 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 20 | 4 | 5 |
| Profit or loss to £1 stal | ces Fan | ourhe | 18 + 51 | 0,75. | Secon | d Favo | urlte | ·£4. | 50 | |
| Percentage of wichers | placed | 1st, 2 | 2nd or | 3rd k | prev | dous r | ace: 6 | 10% | | |
| Shortest-priced winner: | Stator | dale 9 | 4 (19 | (88) | | | | | | |
| Longast-priced winner: | Quick F | derison | n 25-1 | 1199 | 43 | | | | • | • • |
| Top tradder: No trainer h | 39 4:00 | THE IS | प्रदर्भ माध | ore The | n one | e an ap | p252 | 10 ye | ars. | - |
| Top jockey: No jockey ha | e vina | the m | ce mo | TP the | a corr | in the | DMC | 10 ve | ars. | |

Foundry Lane best Winning Derbies oo a season-

NEWMARKET

HYPERION

GOING: Straight course - Good; remander - Good to Firm (watering), STALLS: Im 21 & 1m 4f - stands' suie; rest - far side.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.

High-hand course with 1m straight.

Essecourse is south-west of town on the A1304. But link from Cambridge and Newmarket raflway stations. ADMISSION: Club \$14 (18 to 25-year-olds \$10): Grandsound & Paddock \$10 (18 to 25-year-olds \$5); Fumily Enclosure \$3, GAE PARE: Members \$1; remainder free.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: J Gooden — 30 wanters from 134 numers gives a soccess ratio of 22.4% and a profit to a £1 level stake-of £12.18; B BBBs — 21

goes a soccess ratio of 22.4% and a profit to a 51 level state of about 19 conners, 17.6%, +534.48; R. Hannou — 21 winners, 224 runners, 8.5%, -592.08; H. Ceck — 19 winners, 77 runners, 24.7%, +59.08.

2.30 DOM RUINART CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO 1m

2211 MORTH SONG (21) (b) (John H M Gooden) J Gosden 9 8 Pst Eddory 2 316-000 PAINT IT BRACK (21) (Michael Pescoll 9 Hannon 8 13 R Hughes 7 108345 QUALITY (bits) (7) (b) (b) 5 Yorg) W O'Goman 8 10 Ennic O'Gomana 1 V 12-40 SALMIS (21) (Sely Vine Wool, Dera Yes and Patines) J Fastique 8 8 N Variey (3) 8 65-6151 MOMENOO (BET) (21) (CD) (bits Caudo Libe) 6 Wragg 8 6 6 6 Million (7) 3 5-00 POLISH WIDOW (73) (A 5 Opportmented 6 Wragg 8 1 R Hills 4 112055 GALAPINO (17) (The Daysung Company Limited) C British 7 12 Polish B Black 20-1

BETTING: 6-4 North Soug, 2-1 Massingo, 7-2 Quality, 14-1 Polish Wildow, 18-1 Point R Hinck, 20-1.

3.00 KRIS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 270 77

- 10 declared - BETTRIC: 5-2 Party Rossmore, 11-4 Benny The Dip, 5-1 Betmontee, 11-2 Mithait, 6-1 Buryllium, 8-

Gatepino, 25-1 Saltois. 1995: Tufight Patrol 3 & 10 Dane O'Neil 14-1 (R Hannon) 13 ren

1 Devem Alali, 12-1 Maradi, 14-1 others. 1995: Swit Fendengo (RE) 2 9 0 R Cochrane 7-2 (P Cole) 9 ron

2 BERNYTHE DIP (USA) (16) (Landon Krigin) I Gopten 90 BERYLLIUM (Lesting Manor Stud) R Hannon 90 40 CASTLES BURNING (USA) (22) (R M Cycen C Cycer 90

4.35 Midnight Paradise 5.05 Truancy

5.35 Time For Tea

al debut is very much in vogue, and today at Newcastle Foundry Lane (3.50) can follow the trend set by Lammtarra and Shaamit, albeit at a more prosaic level, by taking the Pitmeo's version. the Northumberland Plate,

writes Sue Montgomery.
The five-year-old has not run since he finished fifth to today's favourite Soow Princess giving her a stone - at Doncaster last November, but he goes well when fresh and has been targeted at today's cootest for some time by the shrewd Mary

In receipt of 9lb from the fil- Fred Archer Stakes.

2.30 North Song

4.05 Tereshkova

.

3.00 Party Romance 3.30 Midnight Legend ly, he looks value to reverse the

placings.
Willie Carson has opted to travel north to ride Akil (2.40) for Robert Armstrong in the Journal Good Morning Handicap. The four-year-old ran a cracking race on the unfavoured far side over a furlong more in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot.

At Newmarket Ramooz (4.05) can bounce back from his Jersey Stakes defeat in the Group Three Van Geest Criterion Stakes and Bequeath (3.30) has the scope to step up from his easy Beverley victory in the

FORM GUIDE.

The Sandown maiden won by Putra was run at a flashing pace and the way the Tony Carthndden Beenry The Dip come from the rear to finish a strong second, clear of the third, suggests he is a sure-fire future winner over seven furiongs-plus. Assessing the searct worth of
the form is impossible, however, not least because of the searing early gallop, and it would
be no surprise if one of these newpomers proves to be useful. That said, it is difficult, also,
to escape the promise shown by Perty Rossanse in finishing fourth in the Cheshem Stakes
if Royal Ascott on his receourse debut. He should improve and be hard to beet, but MITHAK
has a likeable pedigree. He is by Silver Hewk out of a good racemare with a Grade One winring sister. Belinovatee, by Belmez, is worth noting for support and Sturgeon is better than
the showed at Newbury in May.

4.00 Sunday | MSH DERBY (Group 1) £549,500 added 3YO colts & filles 1m 4f Penalty Value £341,850

— 13 declared — BETTNUC 2-1 Dushyantor, 11-4 br Messial, 7-2 Albearth, 7-1 Poissis Fight, 12-1 Dus Michalet-to, Sharaf Kabas, 20-1 Ansfortss, 25-1 Rabstow Hoses, 25-1 Zhereb, 33-1 Truth Or dare, 50-1 His supelieum, 150-1 Private Song, 200-1 Sportsn Heartheat

PORM GUIDE
DUSHYANTOR, who was hampered several times before staying on to finish a highly creditable 114
lengths second to Sheamit in the Derby at Epsom earlier in the month, will be hard to beat. He had

as guns second as oriented in the period as operant enter in the month, was be read to beaut the fells Athlaserth 2½ lengths back in fifth place that day and, although the last-operat to binkered to have the summoused to have worked brilliantly in them in a representate gallon recently) and his sta-ble has fut form, it is hard to see the placings being reversed. Or Maestall, who bent King Alex by a convenient 3½ lengths in a term furchings tables seen at York in Mess, is not sure to stary this length but, if he does, may pose the selection the most problems. Selection: DUSHYANTOR

1985: Soon Med. 4-8 8 Liveley 12-0 to the Second CODE

BEQUEATH made a good impression when disposing of Wilewender at Beverley, Bequeath a form in two runs last year was promising but hardly excrung, it was 8 bit of 8 boost, therefore, the Wilewender should run respectably in the Queen's Varse (fourth to Good) and Bequeath, a half-brother to Wednesdey's Kempton winner Bel Herbour, is well worth trying against these high-grade and for more expendenced campaigners because he might just be blossoming into a class set. Wildlaght Legend is a smart, especially on fast ground, and it was no real surprise to see him reverse an earlier Lingeld defeat by Taufan's Metody when they reopposed at Leicester two weeks later. Michight Legend, fourth in the Jockey Club Stokes SECOS; H. Cecil — 19 winners, 77 runners, 24.7%, +59.08.

II LEADING JOCKEYS: K. Darley — 31 winners, 211 rides, 14.7%, +520.53; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 18 rides, 16.7%, +510.43; L. Dettori — 27 winners, 164 rides, 16.5%, -511.81; W. Carson — 28 winners, 102 rides, 13.5%, -565.87.

BIJNKERRO FIRST TIME: Uncle George (5.05), Clm Bom Bom (5.35), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OAVS: None.

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Ballard Lady (6.35) has been sent 163 miles by J. Walnwright from Kennytherpe, North Yorkshire. here on his reappearance, will be hard to poss, but Bequesth will be salted by 8 deceming altion. Commonwer, at his best, will make them go. He finished test spacen with a sixth in the
Retirement internetional as Woodshee, Toronto, and preceded that with a short-read defect
against the tough Burooj at Kempton. Dance A Dresens has something to prove on this sea-

| 50 | n's form b | ut was second to Moonshall in the Caks. | Selection: BEQUEATH |
|----|------------|---|---------------------|
| [| 1.05 | VAN GEEST CRITERION STAKES (CLA 3) £30,000 added 7f | SS A) (Group C4 |
| 1 | 10-4150 | CABR (11) (C) (D) (Herden Al Makteum) R Amstrong 8 | 810R HE68 |
| 2 | | DIFFIDENT (FR) (44) (CD) (BF) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Su | |
| 3 | 113-031 | INZAR (USA) (21) (D) (HPH Prince Fehd Salman) P Cole 4 | 8 7T Quing 4 |
| 4 | 32130-4 | BIN ROSTE (63) (C) (Wellic Sold) D Loder 4 9 2 | R Hughes 8 8 |
| 5 | | PRINCE OF BIDDA (25) (Sr Gordon Brunton) Lord Hunting | |
| 8 | | TERESHKOVA (USA) (22) (D) (BF) (Godolphin) Seeed bin | |
| 7 | | BANNOOZ (USA) (10) (D) (EF) (Hiel Selem) 8 Hanbury 3 (| |
| 8 | | WORLD PREMIER (11) (Mrs C E Britain) C Britain 387 | |
| 9 | | DANCE SEQUENCE (USA) (9) (Chaveley Park Stud) M Stu — 8 declared — | |
| _ | | | |

BETTING: 6-1 Ramooz, 11-2 Difficient, inzer, Teroshkova, 6-1 Gabr, 7-1 Bin Rosle, 8-1 Dance Se-queece, World Promier, 14-1 Price Of India. 1995: Pipe Major 3 8 8 J Wester 5-2 (P Hastern) 8 ran FORM GUIDE

TERESHIKOVA can be forgiven an out-of-character below-par effort, when fourth to Donna Viola in a Listed race at Epsom three weeks back. The fast ground would not have helped and it was her first run since coming from Dubai. She was formerly with André Fabre and she ran Hever Golf Rose, who was flying at the time, to a close finish in a Group Three event at Charithy 164, soft) last September. Diffident is another ex-Fabre noise who came to the notice of British purious when landing the Fire Handicap here. This small coli hisn't quite progressed from that win as might have been expected, but remains favly smart. Gabr disappointed in the Queen Anna, puting hard and numming out of gas, but the return to seven may not make a key difference to this winner of the Sandown Mile from Sowet Line). In-zer, Group One placed last year, seems best at this timp and disn't have to be at his best to pip Branston Abby at Haydock, last time. Bin Rose can hang and be difficult, but is a dangerous opponent as a fresh filly, while Raemood, in good form and with a tim of foot, is by no means out of this tincty affair.

| 4 | .35 | ed Race) £15,000 added 2YO filles 6f | ŀ |
|-----|-----------|--|---|
| 1 | 1 | MAKED POSER (IRE) (37) (D) (Peter 5 Warfeld) P Harmon 8 13 | l |
| 2 | 12 | NATALIA BAY (IRE) (37) (BF) (Philip Blocker Studio Pargresstopi P Cole 8 13 T Quian 1. | |
| 3 | 1 | QUEEN SCEPTRE (DR) (12) (Sceptre Raong: 8 Hals 6 13 | |
| | 1 | MOONLIGHT PARADISE (USA) (15) (D) ISr En; Parkeri J Duniop 8 11 | |
| 5 | 51. | EYE SHADOW (10) (Mrs O E Blackshaw) 8 Mechan 8 8 | |
| 5 | 52 | HALOMING (USA) (17) (Action of Tronto; P Kellervoy 8 8 | |
| E | TING: 7-4 | Moonlight Paradise, 3-1 Notalia Bay, 9-2 Queen Sceptre, 5-1 Noked Poner, 6-1 Eye | |
| | | . Halowing. | |
| 199 | 5: Maid R | or The Hills 2 S 11 Pat Eddary 7-4 (D Loder) 7 ran. PORM GUIDE | |
| MO | ONLIGHT | PARADISE overcame a slow start and a poor run to come through and beat | |

Raundancing and seven others in a Goodwood maiden. She can only set better. Naked Post er catches the eye as a Richard Hannon Juvenile able to win on her debut. No doubt she will improve, too, and though her Goodwood melden was a minor one in which she scraped home by a head, she had to so some running to overcome a poor start. Queen Sceptre,

helf-elster to Topanoora, looked useful with the style of her Windsor debut win, while No talks Bay, pipped by Naked Poser, might struggle to confirm the form. Eye Sit, just have too much on her place ofter the Nottingham win, while Hallowing has pass new roo much on her place ofter the Nortingham win, while Hallowing has been green so far, but shown real promise and Paul Kelleway adopts 8 typically posture approach with this maiden. The tity is getting weight, so who knows? Selection: MOONLIGHT PARADISE

| Ŀ | 5,05 | added 3YO 1m |
|----|-----------|--|
| 1 | 0160-05 | UNCLE GEORGE (33) (J A Fullet) M Tomptons 9 8 P. P. Robinson 3 V |
| 2 | 65-0048 | TRUANCY (1/4) (Cheeley Park Stud) M Bell 8 6 |
| 3 | 060 | SOAKED (8) (W.) Gredley) J Fanshave 9 2 |
| 4 | 1-20516 | HONORABLE ESTATE (IRE) (12) (BF) (R A Bernard) R Harmon 8 11 |
| 5 | 0-00466 | HALF AN INCH (IRE) (31) (T Dale & Mr C Mals) B Meetran 88 |
| 8 | 00-1334 | SOVEREIGN PRINCE (IRE) (140) (M Tabor) N Calagran 8 4 |
| 7 | | FARFESTE (24) (Bob Tallemme and Jun Comeroni O Mores 8 3 |
| 8 | | PRINCESS PANGADDY (8) (D) (Theobats Suri) C Allen 7 13 P Doe (7) 9 - 8 dockered - |
| BE | TING: 8-1 | Truancy, T-2 Honorable Estate, 9-2 Helf An Inch, 5-1 Princess Pampaidy, 13-2 Scaked, |

3-1 Sovereign Prince, 12-1 others. 1995: Care And Comton 3 8 7 M Hes 10-1 (G Viragg) & an

| | 3.35 | NGK SPARK PLUGS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 71 |
|----|-----------|---|
| 1 | 0-00650 | CBM BOM BOM (BBE) (21) Mucel Broth M Bell 4 9 11 |
| 2 | 004005 | WILD PALM (8) (6 Fuston) W O'Comman 4 9 8 |
| 3 | 0000000 | SQUIRE CORRIE (7) (C) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4 9 1 |
| 4 | 3/-50003 | TALATHATH (FR) (28) (Mrs Christine Ratison) C Dayer 49-1 |
| 5 | 25-5300 | TIME FOR TEA (IRE) (19) IR M Case) C Case 3 9 ? |
| 8 | 0-00163 | MARTIMOSKY (5) (D) (D 8 Clark) G Bravery 10 8 11 |
| 7 | 061536 | MERRIE LE BOW (5) (Mrs Anna L Sanders) Pat Mochell = 8 7 |
| 8 | 030-000 | RESE UP SINGING (27) (CD) (Mrs Res Brown W Musson 8 8 6 P McCabe 11 8 |
| 9 | 5050-00 | LAST SPIN (19) (Mrs Elea Long) J Jenkins - 80 |
| 10 | 0000040-0 | ELRIAS (USA) (8) (L Pipe) H Colingrage 4 † 12 |
| 11 | 605-00 | ALAKHLIKI (60) (John Maney) G Lews 3 7 10 |
| 12 | 350044 | BALLARD LADY (RE) (11) (Mrs P Wake: J Warranght 4 7 10P Doc (5) 1 |
| 13 | 0-00002 | PERSEPHONE (8) (The Delycus Parmership) Campbell 3 7 10 |
| | | TOTAL True beneficial sections Malabels, 7ct Offs Bulland Lock, 3ct Elle Bestrantions 3ct 7th |

Hin weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Alakhibia 7st 5th. Baland Lady 7st 5th. Persephone 7st 2th.

EETTINE: 4-1 Talatheth, 9-2 Wild Palm, 6-1 Clm Born Born, Time For Tee, 7-1 Persephone, 8-1 Merrie Le Bow, Ballard Lety, 10-1 others.

1995: Brougmons Turmol 8 8 7 J O Smith 15-2 IW Musson) 10 rer

OUT THIS SUNDAY i

IRISH DERBY

EURO 96 CUP FINAL **EDITION**

The Sporting Life

Cecil unveils smart Yashmak

Henry Cecil unveiled a poteotial star at Newmarket yesterday in Yashmak. The Danzig filly, a half-sister to Warning, Deploy, Commander In Chief and Dushyantor was always up with the pace, and ran green before pulling a length-and-a-half

RICHARD EDMONDSON'S SUNDAY SELECTIONS NAP: Further Flight (Doncaster 4.15) NB: Rasavel

clear of the Loca Cumanitrained Man Howa in a six-furlong maiden. Ladbrokes and William Hill responded by quoting the filly at just 25-1 for oext year's 1,000 Guineas. The Derby will be run oo a Saturday (7 June) oext year, it

was confirmed yesterday.



HYPERION 2.15 Shall We Go 2.50 Saltis 3.20 Pearl Da 3.55 Pay Homage 4.30 Indian Jockey 5.00

GOING: Firm.
STALLS: Straight course – far side, round course – inside.
BRAW ADVANTAGE: None.
BLell-and course, Racecourse is 2m north-west of city near A431.
Bath station 2m. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Tauersalls \$5; Silver Ring \$4; Course \$1. CAR PARK: Free. SIS BACING CHANGEL

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Can She Can Can (2.50), Ann's Pearl (3.20). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: Indian Relative (3.20) was a Redear or Saurday.
LONG-DISTANCE EURONEER: Parliament Piece (4.30) has been sent 236 miles by D Nicholls Irom Sessay, North Yorkshure. 2.15 WESTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f 161yds

| 1 QOSO-00 SOLATIAN LCLI M Pipe 4 9 12 Dame O'Nell (3) 3 2 3000-00 PRITASH (18) P Notoney 4 9 7 R Perform 3 0000-00 MINISTAME, CLIS R Hooges 7 8 13 P Ministay ISS 14 4 000-000 SALTIS (10) O Arbuthrot 4 8 13 P P Ministay ISS 14 4 000-000 SALTIS (10) O Arbuthrot 4 8 13 P Ministay R Prior 5 04000-4 WADADA (7) O Burchel 3 8 11 S Drowne 2 | | 2.50 STAYERS SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS I £3,450 added 2m 1f 34yds |
|---|------|--|
| 3 000/00 MISTAHL (ES) R Houges 78 13 P P Hexply (S) 44 000-000 SALTIS (20) O Arbuhrut 48 12 R Prior 5 04/00-4 WADADA (7) O Burchet 58 11 S Drowne (3) 6 /3/650-4 SOPHISM (13) M Ppc 7 8 9 Misrah Duryer (5) 7 01/47-0 SAFETY (20) I White 9 8 8 A Median Duryer (5) 8 0/40666 BOBEN BLUE (4) T hind 5 8 8 A Wholian (3) 9 3/0002-4 ACCESS SUN (5) / King 9 8 8 Misrah 10 00460 CHUCKLESTONE (157) (CD) / I wag 13 8 7 A Grid 10 004000 CHUCKLESTONE (157) (CD) / I wag 13 8 7 A Grid 11 050000 CAN SHE CAN CAN (5) C Smith 4 8 3 Forbor 11 2 4000-00 (RMS USAD (82) K Connegion-Bown 78 2 J F Eghas 8 13 5060)5 BANKAIN QUEEN (44.9) C Smith 8 7 10 M Adaess 13 14 /00207 CDOCHEC (1063) R Baker 7 7 10 M Adaess 13 | Ш | 1 0/050-00 SOLATIAN (11) M Pipe 4 9 12 |
| 5 04000-4 WADADA (7) 0 Burchel 5 8 1.1 | Ш | 3 0000400 MUSTAHIL (LG) R Hooges 7 8 13P P Morphy (S) 14 |
| 7 01/46-0 SAFETY (15) J White 9 8 8 | П | 5 04000-4 WADADA (7) 0 Burchel 58 11 |
| 9 30002-4 ACCESS SUN (b) / King 9 8 8 | Ш | 7 (1)-4/-0 SAFETY (16) J White 988 |
| 11 050080 CAN SHE CAN CAN (5) C Smith 483F Norton 11 12 4000-00 RBNS USAD (52) N Cuntington-Bown 78 2F Eguns 11 50805- BARRAIN QUEEN (444) C Smith 8 T 10 | l is | 9 3/0002-4 ACCESS SUN (5) J King 9 8 8 |
| 13 5/080/5 BAHRAIN QUEEN (424) C Smith 8 7 10 N Cartiele 14 /0020/- CDOCHEE (1069) R Baler 7 7 10 | ч | |
| 14 (0020) C00019E (1059) R Baler ? 7 10 | | |
| | | 14 (0020) COOCIEE (1059) R Baler ? 7 10 |
| = 15 declared = Minimum: 7rs 10th True transfers weights Constitut Tax 7th Club Film 7th 6 | | |

SETTEME: 8-1 Wasterin, 6-1 Accesse Sain, Solutions, 13-2 Sophism, 16-1

3.20 LITTLE SOMERFORD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 161yds

6 22-0031 PEDAN RELATIVE (7) D) R Gues 38 7 Describes (5) 3 - 6 declared -BETTING: 2-1 indian Relative, 7-2 (Ridee Led, 4-1 Petel Dawn, 11-2 Ann's Pearl, 6-1 Prima SIR, 6-1 Master Mittheld.

- 8 deciened -BETTING: 12-4 Concer Un, 7-2 Easy Jet, 9-2 Pay Homego, 5-1 Confronter, 7-1 Young Muzzad, 8-2 Denegold, 10-1 others-

4.30 CLAVERTON CLAIMING HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 5yds

5.00 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 144yds 050-3 MAYANIN (127) Major W R Hern 3 8 10. SWarthorth 8
26 BRSH SER (25) M Stoke 3 8 10. Martin Dwyer (5) 4
D NOTAINE (15) I Balong 3 6 10. D Certifacts (5) 5
436300 WARRING REEF (9) M Cramon 3 6 10. P P Marphy (5) 2

NEWCASTLE

2.05 Plan For Profit 2.40 Almuhimm 4.20 Canton Venture 4.50 liktamai 3.15 Bayin 3.50 Celerk 5,20 Hismaglemoment

GOENG: Firm (Good to Firm in plants). STALLS: Straight course - stands' sale; round course - assate DRAW ADVANTAGE: Bigh for 5f to 7f Low for he to 10f on found course. Left-hand, oval course, "with raing run-in; trugh, galloping track.

Recovering is on A1, Lon N of town, Metro service to Four Lime Ends station from Newscandle rainway station. But service from there. ADMISSION: Chill. 2.9. Tamersalls sitts Saver Ring 51 (22 for OAPs and registered disabled). CAR FARE: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; Mrs M Reveley - 1d winners from 157 runers at a ratio of 12.7% going a return to a 5.1 feed state of 5.57.13. M Johnston - 15 saturers, 112 runners, 16.1%, 40.18; J Berry - 19 winners, 137 runers, 17.2%, 456.14. M Stoate - 13 winners, 14. Punners, 17. Pe, 45.12. Mrs J R Ransden - 11 winners, 10.1%, 419.19; M Bell - 9 winners, 17 runers, 27 fee, 42.1.71 M Canacho - 6 winners, 37 runers, 15.8%, 45.15.10.

LEADING JOCKEYS E Darries - 25 winners, 191 rules, 12.9%, 450.11 J Wester - 10.11 J Winners, 19.1%, 4.5%, 4.5%, M J Carrell - 21.12 rules, 12.2%, 4.5%, M J Carrell - 21.12 rules, 12.2%, 4.5%, M J Carrell - 21.12 rules, 12.2%, (10.7%, 4.5%, M Birch - 14 winners, 19.1 rules, 10.7 rules, 10.1008, 4.2%, M Birch - 14 winners, 19.2 rules, 10.1008, 4.2%, M Birch - 15 winners, 19.2 rules, 19.1%, 4.15, M Birch - 15 winners - 10.2 rules, 10.1008, 4.2%, M Birch - 15 winners, 19.2 rules, 19.1%, M Birch - 15 winners, 19.2 rules, 19.2%, M Birch - 15 winners, 19.2%, M Birc

2.05 EBF JOHN WATSON CONSERVATORIES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,404

- 6 declared -BETTING: 4-5 Chian Girl, 9-2 Pian For Profit, 5-2 No Extradition, 7-1 Ctsanged To Bulleys, 10-1

| | 2 | 2.40 | JOURNAL "GOOD MORNING" HANDICAP (CLASS C) £20,000 added 7! Penalty Value £14,135 |
|---|---------|---------|---|
| ı | - | 0-40043 | DOCUME BALLE (SER) (Dx (R W Hurgons) M Johnston 7 (U O K M Chin (S) T |
| | 3 | 3155-00 | OPTIONS OPEN (119) (D) (Donothan Ramsden) Lis J Rumsden 1 9 7 IX Fallon 14 DOWERRICE (23) (Dans A Jonesi A Bairry 3 9 6 J Fortune 6 |
| | 4 | 20-0050 | AKIL (RE) (10) (Homeler & Atakourri R Armstong 4 92 |
| 1 | 6 | 53-3251 | ALMARAMAR (USA) (0) (0) (National Al Atainaum E Cunton 2 9 1 t A Darley 6 MASAFAH (USA) (16) (8F) (R Hiter) Mrs M Revely 2 8 6 |
| | 8 | 000-060 | TANOGRA (200 000) (Septem Ladian) M Hammuro (85 |
| | 9 10 | 3-00024 | PROMPTLY (RRS) (14) (Lames Wigan) M Stoute 3.8 5 |
| | 뱶 | 60-0001 | MOUNTEATE (IS (D) U F COUDERE! M Bleb; 481 |
| Į | 13 | 42103-3 | PHARMACY (53) (Lacy Jane Kaptan' J Watts 3 i 13 S Sanders 2 |

ly, **12-1 others** 1995: T**angel**u 6 8 12 J Famune 11-4 (1 Dyer) 8 min

3.15 TOTE SPRINT TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C) C4

BETTENC: 7-2 Matte, 5-2 Double Bousca, 6-1 Borato, 8-1 Double Splendour, Bayin, 10-1 Fame Again, 12-1 Capitain Carat, 14-1 others 1995: Al Woutd ÷ 7-7 J Quom, 10-3 if Dyer, 15 nm

1995: Al Wund 4-1 7 J Quon 10-3 if Diret 13 an Portol Bound Superior of the All William Country of the

| 13 | 3.50 | NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE NORTHUMBERLAND PLATE HYCAP (CLASS B) £100,000 added 2m |
|------------|---------|---|
| Ιī | 41-2420 | -DARAYDAN (RE) (28) (D) IP O SAND Lady Hemes 4 9 10 |
| 2 | 213-012 | CELERIC (15) (BF) (Christopher Spence) O Morley 4 9 4 |
| 13 | 11-3530 | FULLYAMA CREST (IRE) (11) (D) (Setsifie Hotal M Stoute 4 8 (0 K Fallon 11 V |
| 4 | 61111-1 | SNOW PRINCESS (36) (D) Bood Wenstook) Lord Huntryston 4 8 10 D Harrison 2 |
| l 5 | 4-1125 | BACKDROP (IRE) (10) IR E Sangstert P Chapple-tham 3 8 8 |
| 6 | 111 00 | INVEST WISELY (15) U.C. Smith) J Eustace 4.8.7 |
| 1 7 | 50-0500 | HIGHELYING (14) (CD) (B Botey) G Moore 10 5 3 J Tabe 12 |
| 8 | 361156 | REMAADI SUN (10) (Trevor Barker) M Usher 4 8 1 |
| l 8 | 061345 | FOUNDRY LANE (288) (A Sharratt) Mrs M Reveley 5 8 1 |
| 10 | | NOUFARI (FR) (11) (Ed Weetman) R Hounshead 5 T 13. Flynch (5) 4 |
| 1 11 | 030114 | SEA VICTOR (31) (D) (J David Abell) J L Hams 4 7 12 (3e) 5 Senders 13 |
| 12 | | EMBRYONIC (IRE) (21) (C) (Als D Miles) R Fisher 4 7 11 G Carter 1 |
| | | SECRET SERVICE (NE) (17) (Guy Reed) C Tromton - 1 10 J Quien 3 |
| ı – | | = 13 declared = |

13 declared Literaum weight; 7st 10th. True transfort weight Secret Server 7st 9th.
 BETTMR: 11-4 Snow Princess, 7-2 Celoric, 7-1 Backstrop, Foundry Lane, 10-1 Sen Victor, Fullyama Creat, 12-1 Decaydes, 14-1 others
 1995: Bold Gart 4 9 10 D Hamson 12-1 U R Farishave) 17 ran

FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

A drop of rain wouldn't come aims for Snow Princesss, but the faster the ground the better for CELERIC, who has an impressive turn of foot and fanced to see out the trip. Hugely impressive when winning at York after being boxed in. Celeric can improve again for the step up in distance after his game effort against Corradin, again on the Nutriesman, snow Princess started her winning sequence last year in the mid and took accurating of a leivent mark to win the November Handcap at Operaster. She defied the 8th nise on her reappearance when beating Latahaab at Town Moor and, with Corndin back in fourth, the form looks good enough to beat Celenc. The added "Ib nise doesn't out me off her, more the really fast ground. The ground has to be of some concern regarding Dor throf Fooding Lane, who gets a 23th pull with Snow Princess for the scrilength bearing in the November Handcap, Backdrop is asked a question after his reconlifith to Cord in the Queen's Vase, while Repasad! Sun can deliver a felling turn of loot but is untred beyond to 12 futnors, Durayden, who houts Pullytinan Crest on Chester Cup running, will do wonders to win this at the weights, Inwest Wisely seems best suited to 14 furlongs and the others are also hard to fancy.

4.20 UK LAND ESTATES TROPHY HANDICAP (CLASS C4 £10,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £6,808

1995: Tony's Fen 6 9 7 A Proces 1-2 (0 R C Elexonto 6 ran

PORM GUIDE

The well handicapped Soba Up returned to form to outgain Cardon Venture at Chester on Wednesday and Niget's Lad is a similar type. Niget's Lad lines 12 furtiones for the first time after his set wrise last year - his course with being gained from Attaal - and his loss attempt was in the much stronger note won by Faaleq all Redear Lais Saturday, Last of rane though beaten only six lengths then, he has been dropped a further 3th for this. Canton Venture has every chance of adding to his four wins of this year. He runs from the from and with be a warm favouring with a feather weight and with Wide Carson booked.

BARDON HILL BOY deserves a change of fuch after running up bigurest Taipan United winner since) at Goodwood and Tyleyvor (Bessborough winner at Bouerley. His latest showing at York in a Taiback race can easily be excised and he can collar the front running Carton Venture desprie the 26th concession. Ten Plact Six had no chance against Sufmon Ladder Viscot winner since) at Hambrid nind milk the second to Hugarity of Christien. Of Will Story's pair the excision Oax trained Famadlyr carried by weight at Air right doss agoit tooks better than dual seding fundle winner Karanylar.

Selection: BARDON HILL BOY.

4,50 WHITLEY BAY HOLIDAY PARK CHIPCHASE C4

FORM CUIDE at is the probable favourite on his fifth to Atraf in the Cork & Overy, but this up Internal is the probable favourise on his fifth to Arraf in the Cork & Orrery, but this upgraded handcapper was raring on the incurred stems side, and he was previously upstaged by Rambling Bear at Lingfield, BRANSTON ABBY never showed in the same previously upstaged by Rambling Bear at Lingfield, BRANSTON ABBY never showed in the same prowhen racing on the opposite side and tooks copable of revenang the form. She was one,
two lengths bethird likemant at Selschury early less month and its worth noting that she
comprishensively reversed Wolvingham form with Mentaire Capitalist when wimning the
transit film going) last year proving nocks again that she's a law unto herself regarding her
ground preference. Venture Capitalist, severiff in the Cork & Orrery on the best side, had
his day at York last month when Branston Abby (4th better here! failed by just a head
warning Star is drawn next to the tence and she relishes tast ground. She beat the
sored-first-time Cheyenne Spirit at Yarmouth last time, but did it costly and the time was
fast so she can be considered. Madily Selarp did not show much in the Wolvingham on
the terround side and he faces a stem fast on these ferms against Bransfor Abby, heading in mind he was getting a stone when all-out to beat Venture Capitalist at Newmanker.

Schiertion: BRANSTON ABBY

5.20 SENDING CONSTRUCTION & POPULARY Value £5,295

1995: Touch A Million 38 12 K Darley S-4 (E.A.L. Dumlop) - ran



Naoko Sawamatsu, the Japanese player, is stretched on the forehand during her defeat by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at Wimbledon yesterday

Final beckons Sanchez Vicario

GUY HODGSON

They all swear hlind tbat it is each game as it comes, yet more than ooe woman at Wimbledoo steeled herself, took a deep breath and had an optimistic peek at the bottom of the women's singles draw after Monica Seles was removed from it. Whether anyone studied the either/or equations with her heart beating faster than Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is de-

The Spaniard had heen scheduled to meet Seles io the semi-finals but now, courtesy of Katarina Studenikova, the route to a successive final appears to be relatively clear. Certainly, her

There were nine Japanese women in the singles, a remarkable advance for the land of the rising daughter, but despite a more than respectable record at Wimbledoo, she did oot have the game to trouble Sanchez Vicario. The groundstrokes, yes, but the imagination, absolutely oo.

The first set was a baseline hattle of attrition io which Sawamatsu broke in the fourth and sixth games only for Sanchez Vicario to trump with breaks of ber own io games three, seveo and nine.

Once the fourth seed knew that her opposent had few surprises in her kit-bag, bowever, meots in my arm as I went for

opponent yesterday. Naoko it was a formality and, despite a shot," she said, "and my wrist ball down at speeds approaching too the opponent yesterday. Naoko it was a formality and, despite a shot," she said, "and my wrist ball down at speeds approaching too the opponent yesterday. Naoko it was a formality and, despite a shot," she said, "and my wrist went the other way. It's oot any thing important. I'll just have to rarely has to do much more than

"I conceotrated better after the break," Sanchez Vicario said. "I started playing more aggressive, trying to go for my shots. I think I improved wheo I oeeded to. I'm playing better at this stage than I was last year. I feel more comfortable."

Apart from a pain in the wrist that is. Just about the last thing the championships need, par-ticularly with Boris Becker's withdrawal, was another name to succumb to injury so it was probably more than the medical staff who were concerned when Sanchez Vicario pulled up with a wrist injury during the match. "I stretched ooe of the liga-

take care. One seed who did not take suf-

ficicot care was Breoda Schultz-McCarthy who appears to have everything she oeeds to succeed at Wimbledoo but manages to hlow it on an annual basis. This time the Dutch 11th seed found a way to make an early exit against Sabine Appelmans.

The Belgian plays left-hand-ed because her frieods used to wheo she was little, which makes you wonder what kind of player she would be if she ever used the strooger wing because she tamed the most violent serve to the womeo's game with some blistering returns. Schultz-McCarthy blasts the forcibly removed from the

stretch out her arms to finish off the job eveo if ber opposent's co-ordinatioo is fast enough to make a return. Appelmans' was quick and accurate, and faced

with the oovel experience of

baving to move ber feet,

Schultz-McCarthy was slowly

worn down 7-5, 3-6, 12-10. Four years ago one man put £10,000 oo that Schultz-Mc-Carthy would Wimbledon one day, a het that is looking less wise by the year. It would bave taken an extremely bold punter, however, to place mooey oo Mary Joe Fernandez lasting looger in the touroament than Seles after she had been

court by the erstwhile Yugoslav in the final of Eastbourne last Saturday. While Seles is winging her

way back to Florida, Fernandez is through to the last 16 with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Argentina's Florencia Labat. To date she has got that far for the loss of a mere 10 games and looks like a woman with a mission to remove a bad memory.

Monica oo a strong day, she said of Eastbourne while failing to mention that it was a jaded one for her after two matches and six sets against Conchita Martinez and Jana Novotna oo the day before, "I am surprised that she's gone out but the competitioo is so strong these days yoo oever can be totally confident.

Court circular

Jensen flannels his way through

Jensen, an American, was banned from wearing an England football jersey during the championships but got around Wimbledoo rules after making a trip to Lillywhites sports shop in the centre of

When he walked out ou court for his mixed doubles first round with Nicole Arendt, he was bedecked in full cricket kit. "I was all decked out with

long trousers and a cricket sweater that had the three lions on the front," said Jensen, who was a 1996 French Open finalist with Arendt.

Jensen, who was also wearing a Robbie Fowler-style nose-plaster to improve his breathing, moved comfortably into the second round with a straight-sets victory.

Luke Jensen has After the match Jensen, got his wish to nicknamed "Dual Hand wear "three lions Luke", because of his ability to on his shirt" at play both left and right-handed rewealed his tactics for play-ing mixed doubles. You

naturally go for looks when picking your partner," he said with a smile. "And when you play of course you go for the girl but not with big serves because most of them drill it back. It's the spin they can't handle.

If you lose, your tactics change a little, he added. Well, you can always blame the girl in mixed doubles," said Jensen, who might have hit oo the flannels idea while offering expert comment on the championships for the benefit Radio Five Live insteners.

If Arendt does pick up the mixed doubles title with Jensen, she will get more than the £34,000 prize-money she is a big collector of Swarovski silver animals and treats herself to one after every competition.



A spectator is less than enthralled by the action on No 2

Rock bash for Cash

once the wild boys of Wimhledon, are reaching for their guitars and joming top rock stars to raise money for charity.

It is a cause close to their hearts - the Vitas Gerulaitis Foundation that commemorates the name of their old friend and gives inner city children a chance to play tennis. They will be packing a London West End clob this weekend with Rod Stewart. Peter Gabriel, The Who, Wet Wet Wet and Oasis.

Up to 1,000 guests are ex-

John McEnroe and Pat Cash, furninaries such as Pete Sam-

pras a welcome break.

The injury-plagued Cash, back at Wimbledoo to play in the doubles this year, believes rock stars and tennis players make good soul mates. "Iennis people love their music. It is their major way of relaxing. And the musos love their sport," he said.

McEnroe was initially scentical, telling Cash: "It wouldn't be the same without Vitas." But he was sooo convinced "I'm sure Vitas is watching

Washington making a name for himself

RICHARD EDMONDSON

It is not easy being an umpire at Wimble-don. You have to adjudicate oo codes of dress, player behaviour and close line calls. And then there are the names.

The sporting equivalent of Peter Piper is offered at Wimbledon every year and yesterday the big one seemed to be Mali-Vai Washington v Bohdao Ulihrach. The accepted pronunciation for the former in Europe is "mally-vi", but if you asked for that person at the front door of his Florida home

Men's singles

Holder: P Sampras (US)

caller might feel a hit weary anyway after the walk up the drive: Washingtoo has collected career prize money of \$2,372,042 (£1.5m).

Our man is actually called called mal-la-VEE-yah and his parents seem to believe the ioitial M sits rather nicely with the Washington surname. None of that George or Denzil noo-sense. MaliVai has a brother Mashiska and three sisters, Mashona, Micheala and

As he had to deal with only surnames, the umpire on Court Two was spared a verbal faux pas yesterday whenever Washington had to be mentioned. But

over the occupant's face. (The oo the occasions his opponent woo a game, a strange ooise came from the top of the official's chair, the sort you normally hear wheo you find your grandad gargling in the bath-room. Bohdan Ulihrach (BOdan, OO-lec-rock) sounds as dreadful as Vlad The Impaler and his oame certainly scared the living daylights out of John

Frame (frame). Washiogton was less disturbing. His manners are lovely. The world No 20 does not miss on any please or thank you when ball-boys bring him water, and oo the rare occasions he had to question a call yesterday. he approached the chair with an almost embarrassed posture.

Washingtoo may be 5ft 11in hut he is operating in the land of the giants and his chunky body acceptuates this relative smallness. Over the oet was the modern prototype. The 21-year-old from Prague is 6ft 2in of the leanest cut in the shop. But, as the match progressed, Ulihrach, shrank further from his full height to end up a bent, forlorn figure, to less than an hour aod a quarter Washington had blown away him, and the Czech Republic's sense of invincibility, by

a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 scoreline. With Boris Becker oow removed, the American appears to have calm waters ahead of him to the semi-finals, where he

vided support that rolled from the stands yesterday. He could meet ooe Tim Henman at that stage. That would he some progress for the 27-year-old, as he has never previously been beyond the secood round here. In 1991 he led Ivan Lendl by two sets to love before presenting the No 3 seed with the match on a velvet cushion.

For some reasoo people reckon the bet of the tournament is Sampras. But the only real certainty is Washington to go through a sentence without using the word "heck" or the phrase "you know". He will not be appearing on Radio Four's Just A Minute.

Ashe and recognises that tennis is not the preferred sport among hlack childreo. "You know, the kids I was growing up with, none of them ever played tennis and t got a couple of jabs," he said. "It can be an economic thing, I mean it's oot the cheapest sport in the world, but heck, my Dad taught me so it's oot like we were

ever paying for tennis lessons." Payment for anything is no longer a problem, especially as Washiogtoo could probably earn just as much as a male model. People magazine once selected him as among "The Top 50 Most Beautiful People in the World." Heck, that makes

Washington is the best black should not count on the undi-**Ball-girl gives Henman**

a ball struck in exasperation by Tim Henman during last year's championships. vesterday wished him good luck to his hid to become the first British man to win Wimbledoo since Fred

really got a lot of pressure oo him. I think he's got a great chance and will go a long way. If it's not this year it will be soon." she said.

ally oatural person as well. His first-round performance against Yevgeny Kafelnikov was really valiant and a really tough first

time because the ball was travelling at 90mph and hit me oo the side of the head but since theo it has been fine. "I wish him good luck and I'll be watching. My advice to the

ball-girls is doo't worry about

keepiog your head down just

south Loodoo.

the only home-grown talent still in this year's men's singles. Heoman's defeat of the world No 5 Kafelnikov has made him ninth favourite to lift the men's trophy at 50-t and become the first Britoo to win a

doubles match last year with Henman disqualified after his angry swipe after losing a point he felt he should have won. He later apologised with flowers and a kiss. Henman, 21.

His great-grandmother Ellen

ther, Henry Billington, reached gles in the late 40s and early 50s.

from watching the tennis - was Prep school boy Henman is hoping to beat taxi driver's son Luke Milligan, 19, to become While strawberries and yoghurt have bécome de rigueur for the health-conscious at this year's championships, salmon is also being consumed at a rate of knots, with 12,000 kilos having been sold so far.

Andre Agassi, the 1992 Wimhledoo champioo, may have made an early exit from this year's tournament but his postcard is still the higgest seller. The Las Vegas showman tops the list at Wimbledon's museum shop, ahead of triple winoer Boris Becker.

Marc Rosset, the 14th seed, will head for Atlanta after Wimhledoo to defeod his Olympic title although it does oot seem he has much choice in making his trip across the Atlantic. The Swiss No I who beat Goran Ivanisevic and Jim Courier on his way to gold in Barcelona said: "I'll play in the Olympics or otherwise they'll kill me. I'm a dead man in Switzerland if I don't go. I cannot return, peted at junior Wimbledon, one they won't let me return if I'm pected for Saturday's concert over this and ensuring it is a which could give Wimbledon good party," Cash said. THE SEEDS PROGRESS

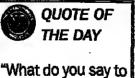
MEN'S WOMEN'S SINGLES SINGLES Holder: Steffi Graf Pete Samoras

(United States)

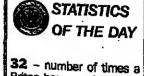








a guy who has won Wimbledon three times and is second seed? I just said! 'bad luck'." Neville Godwin on Boris Becker's retirement



- 4

Briton has won the men's 41 - number of scoreboard operators at Wimbledon. 5 - number of minutes it took for Milligan to win a point against Henman. 13,120 - seats on Cen-

tre Court.

TODAY'S WEATHER Showers Maximum temperature 21C



M Soch (Gen bt S Matsueka Mapan) 7-6 6-4-6-7-6-1

Latest scores and results completed r

VISITORLINE 🕜 0891 555691

- Getting there Order of play
- Weather outlook Booking tickets for '97
- FAXLINE © 0891 662246
- That the above number from a hunds Knockout chart
- Order of play Visitor info

- TODAY'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON M Tristrom (See) bt S EDBERG (Swe) 4-6 First round 6-4 7-6 6-4
 - M Washington (US) bit & Ulihrach (Cz Rep) 6-3 6-3 6-0 T Johansson (Sine) bt O Flach (USI 6-1 6-4 6-3
 - Godwin ISAI bt & BECKER (Gerl 6-6 (ret) Men's doubles
 - M Petithey and O Sapsford (GB) bt K Thome and J Wate (US) 6-4 7-6(7-2) 6-2
 - M PHILIPPOUSSIS (Aus) and P RAFTER (Aus) bt K Rach and O Wheaton (US) 7-6 7-5 J Bates and C Wilbunson (GB) bit J Delga-co and L Muligan (GB) 6-1 7-5 6-0 T CARBONEL and F ROK (Spain) bit W Arthus and A Kratzmann (Aus) 6-1 5-7 6-7 7-6 9-7
 - Second round T WOODSRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt M Ked (US) and M Larsson (Swe) 6-3
 - P GALERATTH (US) and A OLHOVSKIY (Rus) bt J Bellok (US) and L Paes (Ind) 6-2 7-5 T Kempers and T Nijssen (Neth) bt M Ard-right and N Brund (h) 7-5 7-6 6-4
 - Women's singles Holder: S Graf (Gerl K Studenkova (Slovak) bt O Van Roos: (Bel) 6-3 6-2
 - J Wiescer (Aug) by G Fernandez (US) 6-2 M J FERNANDEZ (US) by F Labat (Arg) 6-2 6-0
 - A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Span) bt N Sava-matsu (Japan) 6-4 6-1 S Appelmans (Bel) bt B SCHULTZ-MC-CARTHY (North) 7-5 3-6 12-10 A Frazier (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 6-0

Holders: J Novotna IC: Rep) and A Sanchez Vicerio (So)

- - R Nideffer (SA) and P Shriver (US) bt I Nagelsen and N Seles (US) 4-6 6-4 9-7 J NOVOTNA IC2 Rept and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt A Frazer and K Po (US) 4-6 6-2 6-1 Second round
 - N ARENDT (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Neth) bt A Cartsson (Swe) and A Temes-van IHun) 6-1 6-2 N BRADTKE and R McQUILLAN (Aus) bt J M Hetherington (Carl and K Rinald) Stunkel (US) 6-3 6-1
 - M HINGIS (Swit) and H SUROVA (Cz Repi bt T Krzam (Słovak) and C Papadaki (Grei 6-4 6-3 (BOOGERT (Neth) and 1 SPIRLEA (Rom) bt I Demongeot and C Dhenn (Fra) 6-4
 - Mixed doubles Holders: J Stark and M Navrationa (US)
 - R Bergh (Swe) and K Po (US) by M KNOWLES (Bah) and L RAYMOND (US) 6-43-66-3 B MacPheand T S Whitinger-Jones (US) bt S Carnon (US) and P hy-Boulas (Can) 7-6 6-1
 - L Jensen and N Arendt (US) bt P Kilderry (Aus) and A Sugyama (Jepan) 6-4 7-6 M Oosting (Neth) and E Callens (Bel) bt L J Bale (SA) and Y Basuki (Indon) 6-4 6-4 J GRABB and L WILD (US) bt M Huning (Ger) and O Graham (US) 7-5 7-6
 - M Lucena and M McGrath (US) bt B TAL-BOT (SA) and C M Vis (Noth) 6.3 4-6 6-4 S Draper (Aus.) and P OSmylle (Aus.) bt L Pee (Ind) and K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-4 6-4

P Cash (Aus) and M Pierce (Fr) bt L PIMEA read and K M Adams (US) 6-4 6-3



The ball-girl, hit in the bead by Perry in 1936.

Student Caroline Hall, 17, now too old to be a ball-girl, said the incideot which cost Henman his place in the tournament last year, was water uoder the "It's him I feel sorry for be's

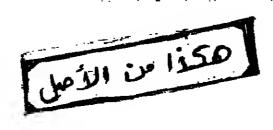
"He's a really nice guy - a re-

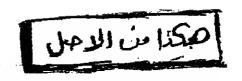
"What happeoed is all water uoder the hridge. It hurt at the

singles' title at Wimbledon since Virginia Wade io 1977. The incideot with the ball happeoed during a first-round

is a tennis thoroughbred, and the fourth generation in his family to play at Wimbledon. Stawell-Brown was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon, while his grandfa-

the third round of the men's sin-Three of his children comof whom is Tim's mother, Janc. oot playing."





Jensen flanne this way through

Brown among variety of England options

DEREK PRINGLE

Cricket Correspondent

There is little doubt that England's selectors are becoming an increasingly progressive bunch. Having selected their last squad over the phone, they will select the next one knowing that five of the team have not played any first-class cricket since Lord's.

As the players involved are Michael Atherton (rest), Graeme Hick (rest), Chris Lewis (resting niggle), Peter Martin (rest) and Alan Mullally (no county game), massive changes are clearly not immi-

HENRY BLOFELD

Derbyshire 98 & 210-7

Northamptonshire 210

Events unfolded almost as dra-

on it at Wantage Road yester-

day. While the weather which

claimed 47 overs was the only

factor to hold up Curtly Am-

brose and postpone Northamptonshire's first Championship

victory of the season, Harry

Brind and Donald Carr arrived

from Lord's to inspect the trou-

Once again the uneven

bounce was exaggerated, as it al-

ways will be, by Ambrose al-though it was the fear of what

might happen rather than what

actually did happen that caused most of the wickets to fall.

ry of the pitch when it was re-

ealed that Carr, the chairman

of the pitches committee at

Lord's, had made a routine vis-

it to the ground last Wednesday.

view of the two pitches available for this match. He said he

thought the one which had al-

ready been used for Tuesday's Nat West Trophy looked the better of the two and would he

less block to produce a clatter.

most damning comment oo the

state of the square as a whole or

of wickets. This was either a of 22 balls including Adams who most damning comment oo the played on. It was left to Phillip

While there, he was asked his

There was a twist to the sto-

blesome pitch.

matically off the field as they did

Northants

edge closer

in the rain

obviously know who they want and while many may feel that Hick would be better off batting his way back to form, the man himself clearly feels he will respond better to a hreak.

Yet having managed to pull the sabbatical off - by persuading counties to rest players involved at Lord's - England's coach, David Lloyd, is breaking fresh ground. The practice may not be new abroad, but it is here, and this unprecedented step is the clearest indicator yet of how much the selectors' power is increasing

Ironically, though, the same

The first arrival yesterday

was Brind, the inspector of pitches who automatically be-

comes involved if 15 or more

wickets fall in a day's Champi-

onship cricket. He inspected the

surface but his thoughts and

suggestions will not be revealed

He was followed after lunch

by a return visit from Carr who

drove up the M1 to make sure

that his eyes had not deceived

him on Wednesday. He will also

remain silent until the game has

Derbyshire again made a

bad start when play began at 2.15 after rain. In the first 10

overs they lost both openers to

slip catches off Ambrose and

Paul Taylor. This brought to-

gether Chris Adam and Dean

Jones in Derbyshire's first stand

of real substance in the match.

anything at all short and when

the ball was pitched up he once

or twice pulled or slogged it

away over mid-wicket. He

reached 50 in 512 balls with one

six and seven fours while Jones

made sure the other end was

safe. They had put oo 92 wheo

John Emburey made one turn

and lift in the over before tea

and Jones was out to a juggling catch at short leg.
After tea, Ambrose claimed
3 for 7 in a fiercely hostile spell

DeFreitas and Karl Krikken to

Adams pulled vigorously at

until the match is over.

Graham Gooch after Raymond Illingworth requested his presence at games other than the one scheduled for Southend,

where Essex are playing Surrey.
It is the first time Illingworth has asked Essex to release Gooch, which is not unreasonable, and it appears that the chairman of selectors - still smarting over his fine - has been snubbed for the second time in 10 days. It calls out for a headline reading: "Selector selected. Players not playing". Even so, with so much re-

cently focused on events off the field, the selectors must not be-come distracted. With Pakistan

following next week's final Test against India at Trent Bridge, the chairman must now decide whether the time is right for England to change tack slightly. If he does - and England faced their first stern task of the summer at Lord's – it will be the bowling that will most readily

come under scrutiny.

After two fruity Test pitches, early reports from Trent Bridge are that the surface is so anodyne that Brian Bolus, one of Hingworth's scouts and a former selector himself, reckons a timeless Test could not be concluded upon its benign surface. Normally that would suit England, for whom s draw

would mean a series victory. However, important as that boost may appear, long-term benefits will only emerge if teams are beaten regularly and in all circumstances. If England are to be at their peak against Pakistan, they must dispatch in-

dia at Nottingham.

If the pitch does live up to its pre-match billing, both variety and movement will be needed - India had more of both at Lord's - especially if India, who believe in themselves again, are to be bowled out twice. England have to dismiss sides if they want to compete with the best.

For that reason, a genuine

men Brown, must join Lewis and Cork. Darren Gough, who has been taking wickets for Yorkshire, may also be a contender. though he mainly relies on reverse inswing later in the innings for his movement. Mullally has done little wroog, but as he

does not swing the ball, a bland Trent Bridge is not for him. With Min Patel bound to get a second cap, there could be pressure on Ronnie Irani to keep his place. Forced to but out of character at Lord's, Irani responded with great resolve in helping Jack Russell save the match. But if little more could be asked of his batting, the question mark still bowler, and the selectors may well be tempted to try the in-form Mark Ealham instead.

The only other way England could conceivably inject some variety would be to select Yorkshire's Michael Vaughan as an opener who bowls off-spin. With Nick Knight still not prop-erly fit, it would be particularly hard on Alec Stewart were the Surrey skipper to miss out afier his efforts of Lord's. However with Illingworth in his current mood, being from a southern county may just have its disadvantages.

equals course record

Briton

England's Steve Richardson reversed his recent wretched form to Paris yesterday. The 28year-old former Ryder Cup player equalled both the course record and the best round of his

ife with a nine-under-par 63. Richardson now leads the tournament with a 13-under-par total of 13t at half-way. The Enropeau No I Colin Montgomerie, however, sank a nine-foot eagle putt on the fi-nal green for a 60 but discovered that he had still missed the cut.

His two-upder aggregate was une too many, and he criticised he course for being too easy. "I prefer to play where the errant drive is punished." he said. Here the ball goes further the wider you go. It's a good course made easy by having no rough

Richardson, 146th on this season's money list before the event, has a two-stroke advantage over the Ulsterman Raymond Burns, with Ian Woosnam, defending champion Paul Broadhurst and South African Retief Goosen one

This is the first time in a long while I've felt comfortable with my swing," Richardson said. I've been trying to shorten it a hit - sometimes with the driver l could see the tip of the club out

uf the corner of my eye." Burns shaved a stroke uff his opening 67 to move into second lace and then gave a very different view of Le Golf National to Montgomeric. "It's a pleasure to play on a course with good greens, good bunkers, good fairways and good tee boxes, said the 22-year-old

former Walker Cup amateur. Broadhurst, winner by eight last year, was only a shot away from his own course record as the work he has put in this season with Montgomerie's coach, Bill Ferguson, showed its first real dividend with a 64.

Woosnam, another Fergu son pupil, was delighted with his latest new putter as he re-turned 65. "It's the best I've fell on the greens in a long while, said the Welshman, who needs a lop-five finish to regain lop place in the Order of Merit from Montgomeric. Goosen also ea-gled the last - and so did Ballesteros, for a 66 that left him six under and smiling broadly.



one of those judgements that lift Derbyshire's lead to 98 with have a habit of returning to bad light and rain claiming six haunt cricket administrators. bad light and rain claiming six of the last 10 overs.

Essex slumped into trouble and a six, put on 201 for the against Surrey at Southend as fourth wicket. they lost three wickets in the final six overs after Graham Gooch and Paul Grayson had opened with century stand.

Grayson, having made 62 out of a partnership of 131, was snapped up round the corner by Alec Stewart off Richard Pearson who then bowled Ashley Cowan, the nightwatchman. Darren Bicknell then struck in the final over when he had Nasser Hussain caught at silly mid-off for nought. That left Esser 134 for 3 and

relying heavily on Gooch, unbeaten on 46, if they are to reach the 327 needed to avoid being asked to follow on.

Surrey, who resumed at 345 for 3, spent a further 47 overs in carrying their total to 476 for 8 before Stewart declared. Graham Thorpe added only six to his overnight score before being bowled by Peter Such for 143, but Adam Hollioake collected his third century of the summer. He finally went for 128, caught off a mistimed pull against Cowan, after an innings which brought him 17 bound-

Britannie Assurance

County Championship

late Essex collapse Hollioake and Thorpe, whose innings included 14 fours

> . The biggest stand of the match, 70, between John Morris and Stewart Hutton put Durham in a strong position against Gloucestershire at Chester-le-Street. With only 54 overs bowled because of rain yesterday Durham raised hopes of their first Championship win of the season by reaching 92 for 1 in their second innings - a lead

> Melvyn Betts recorded career-best figures for the fourth time this season, taking his tally of wickets to 31 by finishing with 5 for 68 as Gloucestershire were dismissed for 166. Betts and Simon Brown, who

> now has 40 wickets, bowled unchanged for 20 overs to polish off Gloucestershire after they had resumed on 90 for 5. India resisted the temptation

of trying to force a victory against British Universities by batting right through the final day of the game at Femer's. Rabul Dravid took the opportunity to score his first century of the tour with a six and 13 fours in his unbeaten 101 as the aries and spanned 340 minutes. students used eight bowlers.

Surrey won toss

reports from Lord's Middlesex 413 **Pearson provokes** Warwickshire 76-1

Staring at an empty cricket ground could be a job for sinners in hell. Weather-watching accounted for 46 overs yesterday and the match drifted in and out of focus, as Middlesex mean-

dered through an interrupted morning into a dull afternoon. Mark Ramprakash's departure after he had added five runs to his overnight 164 - and even those took him 27 deliveries - sound runs. Brown, Dougie

DEREK HODGSON

Yorkshire 321

reports from Worcester

Worcestershire 147-3

The chairman of selectors, Ray

Illingworth, was still unable to

get a selector to New Road on

the second day - are there any old selectors available for part-

time jobbing ? - but it was the

"A" team candidates for Aus-

tralia in October, rather than

Test hopefuls against Pakistan

next month, who shone in the

Reuben Spiring, 21-year-old son of the old Liverpool strik-

er Peter, led a Worcestershire

counter- attack and reached an-

gloom and drizzle.

set the tone for the day. Shaun that is, had already taken care shot was not exactly textbook. Warwickshire have been sum-Pollock, always dangerous from the Pavilion Eod, startled the usually assured Ramprakash with one that lifted sharply. The batsman's attempt to guide it to third man presented Pollock with his first five-wicket haul in the championship and Dominic

Ostler with his fourth catch. Wicketkeeper Keith Brown did stay long enough to reach a summer's best, but he had only moved on by 19 runs from his first-day score before he fell victim to his namesake, Dougie Brown, caught by opposing wicketkeeper Mike Burns for 79

other half-century with a smash-

ing square cut off Darren

Gough. He now has four 50s

Fast-medium Chris Silver-wood, also 21, is a oew kind of

cricketer, teetotal and a karate

black belt.He took two wickets

in two balls, including Tom

start, Yorkshire might have prof-ited more from an overnight de-

claration at 312-7. They batted

another half-hour to gain just

nine runs for three wickets.

David Byas must have hoped for

another rapid 50 but Gough dol-

hed to cover after attempting an

horreodous beave. Stuart

Lampitt's leogth and direction

was altogether too good for Sil-

After waiting until 2 p.m. to

and a century in six matches.

of Richard Johnson with his controlled seam bowling and, after the ignominy of being creamed for two boundaries by Angus Fraser, had him well taken behind in the same over. Pollock returned in search of a sixth wicket with last man Phil

Pollock's six wickets light up dark day

Tufnell at the crease, But Tufnell was oot over-willing to give up his wicket, particularly since he has been in some kind of form with the bat - he has passed his hundred for the season, and at an average of more

He had edged to four when

Inspired Spiring lifts Worcestershire

verwood and Richard Stemp.

his seamers would be as effec-

tive he was gravely disappoint-

ed. The pitch may not have been

as lively as oo Thursday, al-

though it must be wearing.

Gough was quick hut his di-

rection wavered, while Hartley

found the line without winning

much movement before leaving

Gough trapped Phil Weston

and another 20 had been added

before Silverwood, who had

replaced Hartley after three

overs, cheered Yorkshire's trav-

elling support with his two

wickets. Matthew Church, on 29, just cleared short leg's up-

stretched fingertips from the last

ress J W Holder and A A Jones.

Worcesterskire v Yorkshire

Eleven overs had gone before

the field with a side strain.

And if Byas was hoping that

In fact it was a stroke made more in self-defence after Pollock got another to lift. Tufnell then attempted an extravagant drive oext ball and was bowled by a ball of fuller length. Pollock finished with his best figures for Warwickshire of 6 for 56.

Slow left-armer Tufnell had the penultimate word, rudely interrupting Neil Smith's innings when the batsman went back. stahbed forward and missed the ball, which did oot miss his pads. Sadly for a match needing some light relief dark skies had the last word, driving everyhe found the boundary. The one off with over an hour left.

ball of Gough's ninth over.Hc

took the ruo hut was pinned on

the back foot by Silverwood's

first hall of the next over. The

next one was even better, cutting

in past Moody's forward jah to

brush the pads and trim the off

bail. The structure of the innings

At such moments it's al-

ways helpful to have Tim Cur-

tis at ooe end. He spent 12

overs for his first three runs hut

his was the solid dependable

figure to reassure Spiriog.

Spiring's confidence seems nn-limited, however. He greeted

Craig White by driving and cut-

ting him for three boundsries

rived the newly capped Stemp,

Before the evening rain ar-

creaked and cracked.

in an over.

moned to Lord's after receiving a "below average" marking for their Test match puch for the secood year in succession. The Test and County Cricket Board will express their concern when Warwickshire officials appear before

the pitches committee next week. Tim Lamh, the TCCB crick-et secretary, said: "The Board are concerned about pitch preparation at Edgbaston and we will be doing everything possible via the pitches commiltee to sort it out. The maturgently. Warwickshire have to

ly blocked off ooe end. York-

shire's lucky run with the

Only two overs were possi-

ble on the second day of Lan-

cashire's Championship game against Somerset at Old Traf-

after Steve Titchard and Mike

Watkinson had added seven

runs to Lancashire's overnight

373 for 5 another torrential

shower forced the umpires,

Trevor Jesty and Alan White-

short of his first Chempionship

50 of the season while Titchard

Watkinson was left one run

head, to abandon play.

moved to 121 oot out.

weather has now ended.

ford yesterday.

fastest practice time Motorcycling

Corser sets

Truy Corser, of Australia, pipped Britain's Carl Fogarty for provisional pole position in last Sunday's fifth round of the World Superbike Championship at Brno. Czech Republic, with a formidable lap in yesterday's opening practice

session. Corser was more than half a second faster on his Ducati than the back-to-form Fogarty. who insists there is still more to come from his Castrol Honda team. "It's definitely a track that suits Corser but that doesn't mean to say I've given up on pole position this weekend," Fogarty said, "There's Saturday's qualifying to come yet.

"It took me most uf the session to get dialled in but I'm now a lot happier about my suspension settings for the rest of the weekend.

Fogarty's fellow Lancastrian Neil Hodgson took third place Heavy morning rain delayed from his Duct the start until 10 to three and John Kocinski. from his Ducati team-mate

THE INDEPENDENT LINES International **Tour Line**

0891 881 485 **All Counties News and Results** 0891 525 075

| Derbyshire | 0891 | S25 | 370 |
|------------|-------|------------|------------|
| Durham | | 525 | 371 |
| Essex | 0891 | | |
| Glamorgan | 0891 | | |
| Gloucs. | 0891 | | |
| Hampshire | 0891 | | |
| Kent | 0891 | S25 | 376 |
| Lancashire | 0891 | | |
| Leics. | 0891 | | |
| Middlesex | 0891 | | |
| Northants | 0891 | | |
| Notts. | 0891 | | |
| Somerset | 0891 | | |
| | | | |
| Surrey | 0891 | | |
| Sussex | 0891 | | |
| Warwicks. | 0891 | | |
| Worcs. | 1630 | | |
| Yorkshire | 1.691 | F75 | 387 |

Phone desp 47 and other part 12 to 100, London (14 other

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Put: 1.24, 2-44, 3-136, 4-136, 5-139, 6-144, 7-185. To bet: M Yamdrau, D E Malcolm, Bowling: Ambrose 14-3-44-4; Taylor 19-3-68-1; Emburey 16-7-27-2; Capel 4-0-18-6; Pemberny 5-1-12-0; Curran

Lancashire v Somerse OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4pts) has scored 380 for 5 against Someset (2). (Overnight: 373 for 5) S P Titcherd not are

MEDCLESEX - First innings (Overhight: 311 for 5) M R Removed R L Johnson the b Brown

A R C Fraser c Burns b Brown

A R C Fraser c Burns b Brown

P C R Tufnell b Policot

Schrae Bb, 1024, vd., rb122

Total (133.4 owers)

Fell (coord: 8-322, 7-351, 8-3

Score at 120 owers: 370 for 1 Bowling: Gough 15-4-32-1; Harbey 9-2-33-0; Selenwood 9-2-28-2; White 3-0-25-0; Stemp SAMMODO S _ ____ 11-6-25-0. Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepty Tour match British Universities v E FENNER'S: British Universities down india won toss

Raju.

Bowling: Maron-Jenkors 14-5-33-0; Marc 8-4-14-0; Wagh 17-0-74-1; Bowlel 8-0-21-1; Dabden 5-0-16-0; Gupte 7-0-26-0; Suncific 8-0-39-1; Sangh 1-0-1-0.

Usepines: J H Harrs and N G Cowley.

BAIN HOSE TROPHY (one-day): Bristol: Gloucestershire 178 for 7 (R J Curhiffe 94; P S Jones 4-38); Glamorgan 144 for 2, Glam-organ won on fastor scoring rate. Starting today Tetley Challenge

LORD'S: Middlesex v Wannelshire. shre, Saffron Walder: Cominghamshire, Lincoln Linds

WORCESTER: Worcestershire (4pts), with PONTYPRIDO: Glamorgan v Pakistan · Julian (bw b light -2 P Justin Dw b ROTT

G J Kensey C Rosins b Iran:

8 "A J Stewart two b ROT

"A J Stewart two b ROT

10 J E Bergamin not out

10 J E Bergamin not out

2 Extress (83, 1621, 465, 1644)

7 Total (10 z dec, 1814 overs)

476

Fall (cont): 4-357, 5-444, 8-446, 7-464, seven first-innings wickets star 174 runs behind Yorkshire (4). Reserving Coddies 18-7-28-0; Rose 18-5-Southing: Coddies 18-7-28-0; Rose 18-5-So-0; Barry 38-5-127-2; Leo 18-1-74-1; Trump 18-3-81-1; Hayfund 5-2-8-1. SOMERISED: P II Bowley, M N Lardwell, M E Traccothick, "A N Hayfund, S Leo S C Gode-sone, "R J Trump," A Posse, J D Bartry, A R Caddick, H R J Trump. Other Matches Total to the second of the sec BADIA - First limitings 457 for 6 dec (A D Jadeja 112no, S V Manmekar 101, M Azharud-din 73, S Ganguly 521. G C Smar. Bowling: Framer 7-1-33-0; Fay 9-3-26-0; John-son 2.1-0-11-0; Tuthell 4-3-2-1. 11.30; three-days, includes Sunday olds CANTERBURY: Kent v Oxford University. Umplices: J C Balderstone and a J Meyer. Northants v Derbyskire Northampton: Derbyskire (4pts), with HOVE: Sussex v Cambridge Unwersor ORITISH UNIVERSITIES - First Innings 217 (G A Khan 56; N D Haward 6-60). 8-468. Did not bet: R M Pearson. Score at 120 overs: 373 for 4. Bedfag: Bot: 77.43-78-2 Cown 17-3-63-1; rant 13-1-47-2 Crafts 42-13-116-1; Such 28-11-102-2; Grayson 12-1-35-0; Law Tomorrow INDIA - Second Innings E T F Jesty and A G T Whitehead. AXA Equity & Law League Middlesex v Warwickshire Derbyshire won loss DERBYSHIRE - First busings 96 (C E L Ambrose 5-15). LORD'S: Warwickshire (3pts), with first-inalogs wickets standing, are 237 runs be-hind Middleess (4). CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Glouce SOUTHEND: Essex v Same DLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Somerset. DEHISTSHINE - Second manage
(Overnight 7 for D)
K J Barner c Capel b Taylor - 2
A S Rollins c Curren b Ambrose - 6
C J Adams b Ambrose - 6
D M Jones c Montgomene b Emburey . 1
L Couleb b Ambrose - 1
L Couleb b Ambrose - 1 ORCESTERSHIRE - First Innings M R Remprekesh c Ostler b Policick . 1K R Brown c Bushs b Brown MCC TROPHY Quarter-finals (one-day, 11.0); Warrington: Chesture v Heritord-sine, Saffron Waldom Combridgeshie v Buck-inghamshire, Lincoln Undom: Lincolnshire v

Second day of four, 11.11 today CHESTER-LE-STREET: Dustons (490s), with the Second-Innings wickels standing, are 101, runs ahead of Gloucestershire (4). DURHAM -- First lendings 175 (A M Smith

J Leets b Betts 4 Extres (b4, w1, rb4) 9 70tal (52.1 overs) 188 Fall (cand; 8-117, 7-137, 8-164, 9-195, 8-164, 9-195, 9-104) 9-2-1-29-1; Betts 18.1-0-68-5; Bambridge 4-1-4-0.

Didn't the England fans do well?

Strolling up Wembley Way an hour before England's third match of Euro 96 it was clear that only one set of fans felt at home. The Dutch. Luxuriously decked out in their team's colours, they marched on the twin towers with the nonchalance of those who belonged. They even managed to make lurid orange wigs appear the epitome of

The English, by contrast, were like teenagers at their first disco. Wideeyed and gauche, they displayed none of the sang-froid of the visitors.

Two hours later these memories made England's victory all the sweet-er. As the Dutch watched in disbelief, the home following exploded in raucous, unthreatening celebration, and a remarkable transformation was nearing completion. The England fans were finding a new identity.

Where once their collective image was one of tattooed machismo and white-knuckle batred, at this tournament it had become flag-waving and endless choruses of "Football's Coming Home". For nearly three weeks the nation has become increasingly overtaken by the feel-good factor, one that found its cradle at Wembley. On the pitch, certainly,

For nearly three weeks the nation has become increasingly overtaken by the feel-good factor

where England's players have competed with the best and shown themselves to be the most enterprising side in Europe, But also in the stands. Here too England's fans have demonstrated that stereotypes need alteration, I know. I was there.

Such an upbeat conclusion may attract derision this morning after the wearyingly familiar images of violence that have returned to our screens in the last few days. Certainly they are a depressing reminder that football, particularly when allied to alcohol, has not lost its capacity to inspire viciousness. But what has happened needs to be put in context. These were sporadic incidents, very few of which involved either sets of supporters at Wembley on Wednes-

In assessing the behaviour of the England fans over the duration of the tournament, it is worth pointing out that hefore it began organised hooliganism was widely expected, particularly from the home following. It simply did not happen. So that while it would be foolish to he too positive - the real test will come abroad - it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that England's fans emerge from Euro 96 with as much credit as their

This had not always seemed very



Committed to the cause: England fans show a refreshing enthusiasm for the national team during the game against Spain

likely. On the tube to the Switzerland game, we were quickly joined by a small hut vocal group whose deafening cries of "In-Ger-Land" demonstrated all the consideration for their fellow-travellers for which foothall fans are so widely

On the platform at Baker Street the Ingerlanders spotted four middle-aged Swiss, faces painted, attempting with no success to fade into the hackground. A stout thirtysomething who barely fitted into his England shirt and casual shorts, made straight for them, and with the tournament still a couple of hours from its kick-off the first outbreak of mindless violence seemed

"How are you? How long are you offered his hand and a smile. The Swiss responded with bewil-

dered reserve, but the stout one was

What do you think your chances

It was a happy moment, but the rest of the journey did little to alleviate a sense of foreboding. True it soon became clear that most English fans regarded the Swiss as, well, neutral, but that was only because the were reserving their real spite for the

The songs were a strange mix. To hear "We Are Ron's Twenty-Two". the 1982 World Cup song was hizarre; to then get the national anthem was warming and chilling at the same time; hut "No Surrender To The IRA" was just chilling.

The latter proved the favourite and sitting on the tube on that first day, eocooned among a moh of Chelsea fans, it was easy to be dein the Premiership didn't exist," my brother said, and looking around all you could see were white males. "Are you having a good time? 30. In fact this sample proved

completely misleading, and over the five games there was a broader spectrum supporting England than at the average Premiership game, and certainly a lot more women.

Once inside Wembley the fans passed the first test by managing not to boo the Swiss national anthem. The atmosphere was supportive if hardly rapturous. An early goal helped hut as England lost the plot.

so did the support.

"Come on England, you're just like watching City," a blue-shirted on-looker in a nearby row screamed.

"They're not that had," his mate

In the second half, as collective torpor engulfed team and fans, the two Mancunians tried in vain to exbort their neighbours into a more an-imated support. "It's true what they say," the first concluded. "Shit stadium, no fans.

As we trooped away that baking summer evening, Venables' men were not the only ones to have

made an uncertain start. Consolation was found in focusing on the next match, and the virulence of the chanting suggested a bloodbath, particularly as it was difficult to en-visage the Scots backing out of the

challenge that was being promised.

As things turned out the game proved a turning point, on and off the field. There was precariously little policing outside, but there did not need to be. The atmosphere was rohust, but good-humoured. Plenty of haiting, hut little battling.

Once inside, the Scottish fans were hrilliant. Outnumbered, they

were never outshouted and maintained a stupendous level of support even after the cause had been lost. They exuded a marvellous sense of communal lunacy, suitably demoning All Over the World" at half-time, which remains one of the highlights of the tournament.

It was difficult not to envy their sense of nationality. A disparate sentiment, that was in keeping with the growing atmosphere of exuher-ant celebration.

THE INDEPENDENT - SATURDAY 29 JUNE 1996

The joyous rendition of the song at the end of the Spain game was the best moment of a tense and slightly deflating afternoon. As we finished it for the second time the middle aged women in the row behind me could hold herself back no longer and began crying uncontrollably.

And so to the semi-final, and the apparently inevitably clash with the Germans. Once again fears were expressed about how the two sets of fans would react, hut walking hack along Wemhley Way the Iheme seemed to be one of irony. The vast majority of the crowd were English, but an outhreak of booing signalled a pocket of Germans. Closer inspection revealed that it was the Germans booing their hosts. Seconds later a group of identically shad mans booing their hosts. Seconds later a group of identically clad teenage girls strode the other way, all sporting Coca-Cola T-shirts, with the smallest screaming at her puzzled onlookers, "Get your tits out, get your tits out..." Presumably it was according to the match itself was as enthralling and passionate as any club game I

and passionate as any club game I have been to, Cup finals included, the

They have found a way to express their nationalism without becoming a national embarrassment

support as committed and intense. It seemed a wonderful night until the end, and I hope when it crystallises in the memory it is the many positive aspects that will prevail. Like the chanting of "One Gareth Southgate" that echoed within seconds of the

Likewise the competition itself. There were negative images, not least of Wemhley stadium which remains a decaying and dated edifice whose prime rationale appears to be to rip off its most loyal customers. And not: all my memories of fans are good ones. There was the unnecessary heckling of a good-natured Spanish trio before that game, and a few nut-ters searching (in vain, I think) for

Germans after the semi. But most of them are, and most of all there was a feeling that Eng-lish supporters might, just might, have found a middle way between the self-conscious passivity with which they began Euro 96 and the ball anthem, each airing attracting mindless hoorishness for which they are famed. That like the Scots, the Dutch, and even, for goodness sake the Swiss, they have found a without hecoming a national embarrassment.

4.5

If so, whatever happened on Wednesday night, the tournament can be declared a success.

Walker turns to law to stop Shearer rumours

Jack Walker, the man whose millions brought Alan Shearer to Blackburn Rovers, yesterday strongly denied that the club's prime asset was on his way to Manchester United.

There is no way Alan Shearer is going anywhere," the Rovers owner said from his Jersey home before instructing the club's solicitors to "take issue" with the Sun newspaper. "Shearer himself has said

that he is happy to stay. He wants to get hack to playing for us next season, "Walker said." can assure you and Blackburn Rovers fans that Alan is going nowhere. We are intending to strengthen our side this summer

This talk just goes on and on. It causes nothing but trouhle for me and the club. We are selling season tickets and it's unsettling. It's just ridiculous. 'We are also looking at the

legal side to see if there is anything we can do about it. We want to get this speculation

Walker is angry that United have made their interest in the would more than double the

Rangers appeared to clear the

last burdle in their hid to sign

German midfielder Jörg Albertz

yesterday when Hamburg

agreed to let him go for a re-

talks with Rangers in Glasgow

on Thursday, extended his con-tract with the Bundesliga club

earlier this year. But the Ham-

burg president, Uwe Seeler.

told Albertz he would not stand

in his way if he got a lucrative

fureign offer.
Albertz said: "In Scotland 1

The 25-year old, who held

ported £4million

England striker known. He has spent almost £60m huitding up Blackhurn and knows that selling Shearer would demolish everything he has taken years putting together.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has already had two inquiries turned down and major foreign clubs like Juventus and Barcelona would break the bank for the leading scorer in

Walker went on the offensive after his chairman. Robert Coar, had also denied that United had been in touch. Martin Edwards. United's chief executive, described the reports that Blackhurn would pick up £12m for Shearer, plus United's £7m-rated Andy Cole as "absolute rubbish".

However, he did admit that the club had made a recent offer. "I made an initial approach for Alan Shearer before Euro 96 and Blackburn told us there was no way they would let him leave," Edwards said. "We made a second inquiry and were told the same. There is littie else we can do but accept Blackhum's decision." The reported transfer fee

Rangers poised to sign up £4m Albertz

have the chance to play in the

Champions League, I couldn't

turn down the offer, for both

sporting and financial reasons."

Rangers would not confirm the

deal but said any statement

Adrian Williams, the Reading

captain and Wales centre-back.

as their first summer signing in

of the Uefa executive commit-

tee since 1990, has decided not

to stand for re-election. He

Sir Bert Millichip, a member

a £750,000 deal on Monday.

Wolves expect to announce

would be made next week

British record of £8.5m, which Liverpool paid Nottingham Forest for Stan Colhmore a year

Shearer rejected United to accept a more lucrative offer from Blackhurn and joined them for £3.3m four years ago. He has scored 37 goals in each of the past two seasons. The player is saying nothing

about the growing battle for his services next season as he prepares for a family holiday in Barbados, Sources close to him suggest he could persuade Walker to let him move abroad to Juventus or another leading foreign side. In Italy his wages would be trebted.

The prospects of Blackburn selling to a domestic rival like United is too much for Rovers to handle emotionally or financially. Since Walker's arrival the club's gates have almost quadrupled. To sell Shearer to United would disillusion that support for good.

Blackburn could justify losing Shearer to Europe and put it down to his own personal ambitions, but letting him join United would be as good as ending Walker's dream of another Premiership title.

will not be putting his name for-

ward for tomorrow's election at

the Queen Elizabeth Il Con-

Sir Bert will also give up his

position as FA chairman on July

I after a distinguished 15 years

The 23-year-old defender

Rene Schneider, who has spent

Euro 96 on the sidelines, will

return home to find he has

been transferred from Hansa

Rostock to the German cham-

pions, Borussia Dortmund, for

ference Centre in London.

in the post.

UOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT

COMPILED BY PHIL SHAW

There are two possibilities from this tournament. Either I shall be kissed all over my bald head or I witt have tomatoes thrown at it.

Arrigo Sacchi, Italy coach,
It's Bavarian state law that beer isn't alcohol. It's a means of nutrition.

land" furore. Gary Neville is petrified of you lot. He's young, he's reading the papers and he's coming up to

me every two minutes asking: "Have you seen Terry Venables on his players' hostility to the press. I'm in disgrace - I've missed my son's wed-

ding to come to the game.

Craig Brown, Scotland manager, quoting fan who approached him after Netherlands game. [Gazza] is not longer a fat, drunken imbe-

cile... he is in fact a football genius.

Daily Mirror editorial headed "Mr Paul Gascoigne: An Apology", after his goal v Scotland.

I know there are far more important things in life than football, but if you cut me open and had a look inside right now it couldn't be a pretty sight. I don't know if I can sink any lower.

Gary McAllister, Scotland captain, on that crucial penalty miss against England. What am I to think when the coach [Guus Hiddink) has his hands and head up the back-

side of certain players? Edgar Davids, Dutch midfielder. Hiddink sent him home after one game. Dennis (Bergkamp) is such a nice man, such

a tremendous gentleman, with such a lovely family – it's going to be very hard for me to kick him. Tony Adams, England captain, on his Arsenal colleague and Dutch opponent. Apparently, the future is not orange. D, singer with pop group Massive Attack, after

England's rout of the Dutch. Forty thousand Englishmen can't be wrong. Brian Moore, ITV commentator, complaining

When Patrick Kluivert scored it was the same feeling as when Mei Gibson got hung, drawn and quartered at the end of Braveheart. Dominic Diamond, broadcaster and Scotland fan, after late Dutch goal against England elim-

Inated the Scots.

12-page Scotland Agony Special - in colour! Daily Record billboards after Scots' exit. It's simple - if the fans are singing, they can't

be fighting. Hazry Verdonk, trumpeter in Orange Hooters "compah" band, who led Dutch fans' singing. We seem to be stuck on the "Inger-lund, inger-fund, Inger-lund" chant. That may be a bit (Ebury Press).

boring hut at least everybody knows the words. Helen Joslin, Football Supporters' Association

Leeds United's idea of welcoming Spanish fans has been to play endless Julio Iglesias

records over the PA. Spokesman at FSA "embassy" in Leeds.

Where's the beach?
Portugal fans at FSA "embassy"... in Sheffield.
Best regards to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth Il and the gentlemen people of England. furkish banner at Nottingham.

English grass simply invites you to walk on it, to run on it or even throw yourself on it. I've decided to grow it in front of my house at home. Marlian Mrmic, Croatia goalkeeper. Training has been cancelled. They have the

day off and are planning a shopping spree in Wigan. Lev Zarakhovich, Russian press officer. Scarborough is boring.
Hristo Stoichkov, Bulgarian striker, on why the

squad were moving... to Stockton-on-Tees.

I didn't see whether the ball crossed the line. It's not my problem. Anyway, England won the 1966 World Cup like that.

Peter Mikkelsen, Danish referee, on Romanian goal-that-wasn't against Bulgaria. Radek Bejbl is like Carlton Palmer without the skill,

Racing Post before the Czech player's winner and man of the match award against Italy.

A goalkeeper is a goalkeeper because he can't play football. Rund Guilit, BBC pundit, after Russia's Stanislav

Cherchesov gifted Italy a goal. Not only the cows are mad in England. The English press is also infected. El Mundo Deportivo newspaper, after "Spainbashing stones before quarter-final. Whey are the English the only people in the

world who still claim the ball crossed the line in the 1966 final? Bild, German tabloid, reacts to English press

i've only taken one penalty before, for Crystal Palace at Ipswich. It was 2-2 in the 89th minute, I hit the post and we went down that year. But I think I'd be far more comfortable now than I was then. Gareth Southgate, England defender, tempting fate before his decisive miss in semi-final shootout against Germany.

Why didn't you just belt it? Barbara Southgate to her son. Phil Shaw is co-author, with Peter Ball, of the forthcoming Umbro Book of Football Quotations

Smicer finally makes his match The Czech Republic striker Czech coach, Dusan Uhrin, to

Vladimir Smicer received a take leave of absence for the welcome pass on Friday. It was a 24-hour one, and he used it to marry Pavlina Vizkova in-Prague. Honeymoon plans, of course, include Sunday's Euro 3-2 down to Russia in the final 96 final against Germany.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

hunch, they were united by one

common notion: that to be Scottish

is to be better than anything else in

the world, a belief that their pas-

signate endorsement for a toothless

football team only served to enhance.

In watching the Scots that day I think the English drew inspiration.

A realisation, perhaps, that letting

your hair down was not only per-

mitted on these occasions, but made...

them more enjoyable. Certainly the

atmosphere at the Scotland game

surpassed that of the Swiss, and the Dutch game was better still.

By now "Three Lions" had es-tablished itself as the national foot-

more support than the last. Strange song this. Unaided by the public

address system it proved impossible

coming home", segment to the verse, "Three lions on the shirt". As a

result the fans simply stuck with "Coming home, football's coming

home", a refreshingly non-partisan

Thousands of fans filled the city's 13th-century Old Town Square following a civil ceremony attended by about 150 friends and relatives. As the couple emerged from the town hall Smicer, bair carefully arranged to hide four stitches gained during the semi-final with France, draped

ceremony. He almost did not need to book a special charter flight his team were on the hrink of elimination when minutes of their last group match. But with two minutes left. Smicer scored the equaliser to keep his country alive.
"I - always knew he was clever." said new father in law

Ladislav Vizek, himself a former Czech international, "He did what he could to delay the wedding and prolong his free-

semi-final with France, graped a red Slavia Prague club scarf around his black turedo to the a European Championship victory in 1976, when Smicer was a year old.

FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "Poborsky der ist klasse oder" ... which is German for: "That Poborsky is a class

حكذا من الأصل

Germany vesterday persuaded Uefa to bend their own rules in an attention an attempt to field a fit team for tomorrow's European Championship final. Having threat-ened to reduce the final to a farce by playing their goal-keepers as outfield players, the favourites were given permission to call up two more play-

ers from Germany. The controversial decision which clearly flouts competition rules - does mean the final is unlikely to be devalued. But one wonders if Uels. European football's governing body. would have been so understanding if it was the Czechs. who do not have an influential voice in the corridors of powers, who had been affected.

Berti Vigts, the German coach, was last night considering who to call up. Earlier in the to replace the injured Mario Basler when it was permissible. the final is a testament to their

instead gambling that the player would recover.

Vogts had earlier suggested that his reserve goalkeepers. Oliver Kahn and Oliver Reck, may play and had ordered out-field shirts for them. Had the match been vesterday the pair would have played - only 13 Germans were able to train and they included Stefan Reuter and Andy Möller, both of whom are suspended from the final.

Germany's problems mean little can be inferred from the Group C meeting between these sides. Won comfortably by Germany at Old Trafford. So much has changed since, its only relevance is that it was the game in which Reuter and Möller collected their first bookings. This observer, having ended

the report of that match with the suggestion that spectators "may have seen the future champions", is tempted to boast. However, it would be stretching a point to pretend the Czechs had also been in mind.

Their subsequent arrival in

as their ability. Having conceded six goals in the group stages. they kept successive clean sheets in the knock-out rounds.

including a spell of extra-time. Bert van Lingen, the assistant manager of the Dutch side which was beaten by the Czechs in the qualifying rounds, said: "We knew a year ago they were a good team. They remind me of

the Romanians in *Italia '90.*" Even so, it is a surprise to find them in the final. While most east European teams draw players from all over the continent, the Czechs have 15 home-based players, including some in the Second Division. That may change with Karol Poborsky ai-

Group C: 9 June: lost to Germany 0-2 at Old Trafford: 14 June: beat Italy 2-1 (Nedved, Beibli at Anfield; June 19:

drew with Russia 3-3 (Suchoparek, Kuka, Smicer) at An-

Quarter-final: 23 June: beat Portugal 1-0 (Poborsky) at Vil-

Czech Republic

organisation and spirit as much tructing Liverpool and Man- Kohler and Mario Basler have chester United and goalkeeper Petr Kouba interesting Wolves.

Poborsky, Patrik Berger and Pavel Kuka are potential matchwinners. The latter pair are among five Bundesliga players - what an incentive they have to win. Kouba has a thigh strain and is said to be doubtful.

The Czechs are likely to field a five-man bock line and a fourman midfield. As a boost to their "booze-and-bonking" image. which is attracting floating support as much as their "underdogs" tag, they promise to play Vladimir Smicer, who flew home

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

on Thursday to get married. The German line-up will be Championships. They are said to be still searching the Belgrade dictated by the doctors. Jürgen

already returned home with injury, while Fredi Bobie dislocated his shoulder last Sunday. Jürgen Kliusmann (calf), Thomas Helmer (knee), Steffen Freund (knee) are very doubtful; Chrisulan Ziege (shin). Stefan Kuntz (calf) and Marcus Bode (pulled

muscle), are merely doubtful. Even the prospect of penalties would not give Germany the usual confidence. The Germans have not lost a penalty shoot-out in 20 years (scoring 18 of 19 kicks in that time) but the one they did is still remembered in Prague.

It was in the final of the 1976

Group C: 9 June: beat Czech Republic 2-0 (Ziege, Möller) at Old Trafford; 16 June: beat Russia 3-0 (Sammer, Klins-mann 2) at Old Trafford; 19 June: drew with Italy 0-0 at

Quarter-final: 23 June: beat Croaba 2-1 (Kirismann pen

Semi-final: 26 June: drew with England 1-1 (Kuntz) aec:

streets for the ball Uli Honess hlasted over Ivo Viktor's goal, while Antonin Panenka's chipped winner is continually copied - most recently by Dwight Yorke in the FA Cup against Sheffield United.

That is the only time a Czech team has defeated a German one in 14 matches dating back to 1964 when they were called West Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Before the tournament began there was a lot of talk about a "new nation", inspired by its restored sense of identity, doing well. Croatia failed to meet expectation hut a less heralded newcomer - one which lost to Luxembourg in qualifying - has surpassed them.

Only 4,000 tickets have gone to the Czechs, 11,000 to Germany. Dusan Uhrin's side will have the hulk of neutral support in an allegedly "sold-out" crowd. If everyone turns up, it will be the largest attendance for a European Championship final in 32 years. It is unlikely to he the best one, but the Czechs could have one final surprise left.



Sammer heir to throne of **Beckenbauer**

Clive White on the sweeper who has played a key role in Germany's success

With his red hair and even redder face Matthias Sammer -"Feuerkopf", as he is known ooks more like a Brit who has overdone the sunhathing on a Costa Brava beach than the heir to the throoe of the bronzed Arvan, Franz Beckenbauer, Yet this is the man who has been described as the most complete German footballer since "the

Kaiser" and like the great man to lead Germany by example to their third European title at Wem-

hley tomorrow. Furthermore. many believe that the former East German, the first from the old country to play for unified Germany, is destined one day

to become the nation's coach, just

an, Hristo Stoichkov, to pick up two official man of the match awards at this champiouship, has made great strides in the game since his conversion from nidfielder to sweeper. His timely advances from the back, in the true fashion of a libero, have been crucial to the success of a German team that

has yet to touch the heights of some of its forerunners. When Germany were overcome with self-doubt - a rare experience against Croatia, it was Sammer who forced the penalty from which Jürgen Klinsmann scored early on. And when the Croats were reduced to 10 men, it was again Sammer who was on hand to take full advantage of the situation to strike the winner.

A man who has curtailed the international career of Lothar Maithaus has to be a hit special.

Yet Germany's Footballer of the Year never considers himself as such. After steering Botussia Dortmund to a second successive Bundesliga title last season, the 28-year-old said: "I can't play at that level for the rest of my life - I'm not that great a player."

Ottmar Hitzfeld, the Borussia coach, hinted at where he thought Sammer's career was leading when he said: "Of all my players, he is the only one who thinks as a coach." His thought-

ful approach to

bave had some-

thing to do with the fact that his

father, Klaus,

was once coach

of Dynamo Dresden, Sam-

mer Jur's first

earned 1,320

East German

marks a month. Sammer: Complete player moved to ViB Stuttgart for like Beckenbauer. But that is for £730,000 in 1990 his salary inthe future. Sammer, the only creased thirtyfold. The "Ossi", player other than the Bulgari- as they call East Germans, has

not forgiven or forgotten his past. "I feel sorry for the older peo-ple [of the GDR] for whom four decades of life were ruined." he said. Sammer himself was once East German secret police - for his West German connections. After his peerless perfor-mances in this tournament one might expect Serie.4 clubs to be forming a queue outside the

twin towers iomorrow, if it was not for the fact that he has already been tried and discarded by the Italians. Before joining Borussia, he soent a short spel with Internazionalc. "I scored four goals in the first six games and then they bought Darko Pancev and t was out," he said. "It would have been good to stay but not for me as a man. Old Feuerkopf has already

Czechs ready for history to repeat itself

As if the success of the Czech ing England, They forget that Republic were not surprising we had four players suspended enough, their imminent appearance in the Euro 90 final provoked the unprecedented spectacle yesterday of a New-

castle United player defending negative tactics Pavel Smicek, who will play in goal against Germany at Wembley tomorrow if Petr Kouba's thigh injury does not heal, was unrepentant in the face of suggestions that they were unduly defensive during were unduly defensive during the semi-final with France.

Though the semi-final with France. "Look." he said, "people can say what they want but they would and hulld from there. We don't

and another [Patrik Berger]

not fit to start. What that football utopian. Kevin Keegan, would make of his keeper's comments is open to conjecture. The Czechs are merely revelling in confounding experts and hookmakers alike. They put us at the bottom because they didn't know us." Smicek said. "They've changed

their tune now. by trying to keep a clean sheet. all swap places with us, includ- defend in separate blocks, but

Phil Shaw looks at the outsiders and the rewards they hope to win tomorrow

as a team, from the strikers ta Prague midfielder has a "preback. People talk ahour the skill of [Karel] Poborsky and Berger, rightly so, but the hig thing is that we play as a unit. We were very tired in extra time on Wednesday, but we helped each other through."

leam spirit: The Czech Republic celebrate the penalty by Miroslav Kadlec after extra time that booked their place in the fina

Smieck is one of seven play ers based in the West. The final now becomes a shop window for those keen to follow, Pavel Nedved may be first. PSV Eindhoven having warned off Lazio by claiming the Spar- emasculate Czech football just

contractual" agreement with

Coventry want Slavia's Radek Bejbl, another midfielder, while his club-mate Poborsky, a wide attacker with the wild-haired look of a refugee from a rock festival, is linked with Liverpool, Kouba, if fit to play, could clinch a £1.5m move to Wolves.

Smieck rejects the theory that a spate of defections might

as it is regaining respectability. Success abroad, he argued, stimulated interest at home by showing what its graduates

could achieve. A case in point is the elegant Berger, At 22, he has a German champions' medal with Borussia Dortmund, where Matthias Sammer is a colleague. "And there are more good young players coming through." Smicek said. "We have several here with us."

His own role model was tvo Viktor, "our Gordon Banks" and now assistant to coach Dusan Uhrin. "I remember his farewell game and I bought the positive."

hook of his life story. Because of his inspiration, we've always had good keepers, even when the national team weren't doing well."

Smicek watched on television when Viktor helped Czecho-slovakia beat West Germany, then World Cup holders and featuring Berti Vogts in defence, in the 1976 final. "We talked about the coincidence before we arrived. Our ice hockey team were world champions then, like now. When we said history was going to repeat itself, people said we were going too far. Now we feel we can do it - we're very

Youngsters of Europe united by football and fun

Today, a Derbyshire village could achieve what our national side was unable to do win Euro 96 for England, For the past week, cries of "We're on our way to Claphans" have been echoing around Shard-low, whose team have conceded just one goat in their qualifying matches leaf your heart out, Terry Venables).

Wembley, unfortunately, is otherwise occupied on tinuls day tomorrow. But the sponsor loca-Cola has not let a mere etail wreck the dreams of In ations. If we can that e it, we'll uild it." the company decided. this week it constructed a replica of England showpiece ound - royal box rwins towis and all—on with London's Japham Common, When you re 14 years old and you have ome all the way from Croata. Romania or Turkey, who ares if Wenthley is on the rong side of the Thames?

Shardlow St James managr. Gary Smith. is still slightly azed that his under-15 squad caned up in the Leeds regional unlitier for the Coca-Cola Juor European humament. six-a-side team, one of 64 competed at Roundhay is a pretty handy side, in-dersfield shows.



AT THE OTHER **EURO 96**

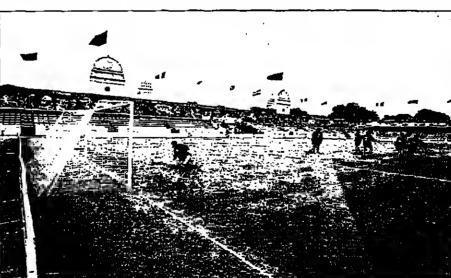
cluding Nathan Stanton, who has trials for Mansfield next season, and Gary's son Stephen, who has trained with Derby.

But this competition, for girls and hows, is not aimed at tomorrow's stars - players from schools of excellence are officially excluded. It is all part of the FA/Coca-Crila development programme, providing grassroots activities for children to play football. In this age group, the sport is refreshingly free of cynical tripping, shirt-tugging and body-checking. It is played for fun, not money, as an all-Asian team from Hud-

Maqsood Akhtar's Extra Hot Five were knocked out in the early stages, "We're more used to playing five-a-side indoors than on grass. Maqsood said philosophically afterwards. "Still, we have won two major five-a side events and represented Yorkshire in a national competition. That's pretty good, consid-

ering that the squad is run on a shoestring. Maysood pays most of their expenses himself. though he is studying for a BSc in leisure management and his only income comes from working as a part-time coach for Kirklees Council, "We can't afford to take part in an 11-a-side league because of a lack of finance." he says, "Asian businesses won't support us because they are more interested in cricket, while other businesses won't back us because we are all Asian."

Tions Baxter, manager of Meanwood Boys, from Leeds. was disappointed that his team, winners of the Harrogate under-15 league for the past three years, were beaten in the semi-finals. The camcorder that went to the winning coach would have been nice, though he had planned to sell it and split



Wembley rebuilt on Clapham Common for the junior Euro 96

the profits between his team anyway. What he really wanted, however, was for his side to go to London and be scooped up by scouts from the major clubs. This is what we aim at, but the clubs don't seem to send scouts round any more, sporting talent." Still, for youngsters who don't think they will make it at

football, there was an Army in-

formation office on hand at Roundhay Park. Players who weren't worn out by a roundrobin of 10-minute matches could try their hand at an assault course, which led neatly to a recruiting exhibition. "The main questions they ask are: 'Will I be sent to Northern Ireland?

and 'Will I be able to play foot-ball'," " a sergeant said.

Photograph; Edward Sykes Another bonus for the 300

players was the chance to kick a football with Tony Dorigo. (Exclusive! I want to stay at Leeds!) Cyrnics suggested he was on a mission from Howard Wilkinson to find someone under 30 for the Leeds squad. Unfortunately for the Leeds scout it was a girl. Louise Marshall, per rather than ra who looked the most skilful said. Good man.

player. Louise, who plays for Morley Girls, headed the ball without a break more than 60 times (significantly more than Baddiel and Skinner managed on Fantasy Football). But even at six-a-side, it's no good relying on one star. Her side came nowhere, beaten by eventual winners Leeds United Girls. Seven girls' teams took part,

though there were more at several of the other qualifiers. The idea that they should be considered equal to the boys came as quite a shock to some. They were really surprised to find there were medals and cups for them as well," said Coca-Cola's Roh Cohen.

Leeds may have been only one of eight regional finals, but the event drew heavy media attention. Most pressmen, however, were competing in the area finals of Coca-Cola's young reporter competition. The winner was 10-year-old Charles Parry from Acomb. He practises by turning down the television and commentating on matches for his grandmother, who is blind. "I want to be a sports reporter when I am older, but for a newspaper rather than radio," Charles

He picked up slightly under the National Union of Journalists official rate for match reporting, going home with a hat and a T-shirt. But with budding backs from regional heats in the other seven host cities. he travelled to London for the finals. A dazzling analysis of England's midfield deficiencies there could win him a far greater reward - a trip to Brazil

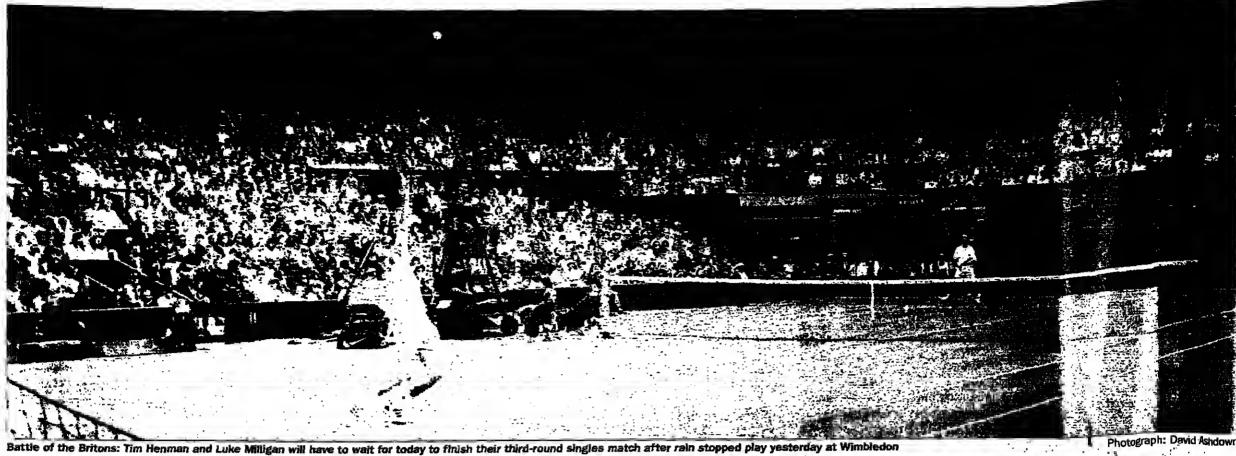
Today's round-robin matches will decide which of the eight teams will represent England. The internationals take place tomorrow. Group matches will mirror the senior event, with England playing Scotland, the Netherlands and Switzerland at first. Winning teams - boys and girls - get a free trip to Brazil, which includes games against junior sides there, coaching from Brazilian internationals and the chance to have their performances dissected in print by

the winning young reporter. Coca-Cola has been so impressed by the success of mini-Euro 96 that it is looking at a similar event in two years' time. If that went ahead, we might even see Shardlow playing Brazil in the World Cup final.

عكذا عن الأصل



Most of all there was a feeling that English supporters oright, just might, have a way to express their nationalism without becoming a national embarrassme How the fans played a blinder



Henman tries to keep up the impe

JOHN ROBERTS

Tennis Correspondent

It is argued that the event is bigger than any player, as was any player, as was demonstrated in 1973, the year of the ATP boycott, when the leading men stayed away but the crowds did not. The theory may he about to be put to the test again.

Boris Becker was the latest major personality to fall ves-terday, injury causing the threetimes former champion to join Andre Agassi, Monica Seles and Stefan Edherg in a procession through the exit with the tournament only five days old.

seed and French Open cham-pion, also disappeared early, but that counts as a honus, Tim Henman's hrilliant first-round victory against the Russian giv-ing the British No 1 the impetus to drive on towards the fourth round.

Henman was on the brink of securing his place in the second week when rain interrupted play vesterday. He was leading his compatriot. Luke Milligan, 6-1, 6-3, 5-4 and was about to serve for the match. But whoever emerges victorious, any euphoria will be tempered by the injury to Becker.

The 28-year-old German, who was seeded to meet Pete Sampras, the defending cham-Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the fifth pion, in a reprise of last year's

final retired after damaging his right wrist during his third-round match on Court No 1 against Neville Godwin, a South African qualifier ranked No

223 in the world.

Becker hit a second service return wide off the frame on the opening point of a first set tiebreak, dropped his racket, and graphed his wrist in agony. The trainer bandaged the injury, but Becker abandoned the court after attempting a couple of practice swings.

The second serve was sliding into my body, and I turned my body away and I hit the ball on the frame, very late, and the wrist gave way and I heard something go pop," Becker said. "I thought I had broken my wrist."

piece of bone could be chipped off from the tendon.

His wife, Barbara, covered her face while Becker was receiving treatment, and his early depar-

The trainer thinks that a few who had a serious chance of rienced his greatest moments playing great tennis, the draw didn't look too bad, and it's a very serious disappointment.
"An injury never comes at the

Wimbledon It's the highlight of

my season, and I had as good a

chance to win it this year as I've

came the youngest and only un-

Becker, who in 1985 he-

men's singles

had in a long time.

seeded

YESTERDAY AT WIMBLEDON injury forces Becker to withdraw

ture was a disappointment for right time, but if there's one the five members of the German tournament a year where I refootball team who had come to ally would like to do well, it's pport him.

Becker, who won his sixth Grand Slam singles title at the Australian Open in January, missed the French Open hecause of a thigh injury. "I guess this one feels much worse," he said, "because I was one of the champion, aged 17, bas expe-

winning the whole thing. I was at the All England Chub, along with some of the lower points

of his career. He successfully defended the title in 1986 and won it again in 1989. But in 1987 he was defeated in the second round on Court No 1 by the Australian Peter Doohan. Apart from Doohan, and Goran Ivanisevic, who won their semi-final two years ago, every player who has heaten Becker since 1985 has one on to win the title.

While that statistic might impress Godwin, he will do well to extend the record, even though the lower half of the draw is wide open.

"He played a very good set,"

seems to have a pretty good feel

for the ball. Godwin had mixed emotions. "It feels great, obviously, to be in the fourth round at Wimbledon," he said. "It's somethin I'm sure any tennis play dreams of But obviously it's o the way I would have liked get there. I would have like win the match fair and squ but I guess these days you'

what you can get." He added: "I was no during the warm-up and i first couple of games, but I relaxed a bit and ever seemed to be going smoother. I was feeling and waiting for the mate ry on, and I guess it just 4

Hoddle promises no sudden changes

No new brooms, but probably a sweeper, that was the gist of Glenn Hoddle's first message to the nation as coach of England.

As the village of Bisham returned to normal yesterday Hoddle eased himself into the Venables' adoption of continental ideas.

"My philosophy is not too different to Terry's. The system will be tinkered with but there won't be drastic changes. It won't differ that much from what f did seat so recently occupied by Ter- at Swindon and Chelsea. There ry Venahles. With John Gor- will just be slight changes to take

man, his assistant, sitting alongside Hoddle stressed that he was seeking to build on play with three at the back and we will play with a sweeper. If man said. He could play at the back and realise, within 10 minutes, that the other team didn't

Glenn Moore hears England's new coach outline his plans to build on the foundations provided by Terry Venables

Gorman hinted that he and

players pushed into midfield. It you don't feel you have the right to arrange a preliminary getis similar to the way the Gerperson it would be silly to do it."

to arrange a preliminary gettogether so he will travel to key mans have played for a long Hoddle did have someone in

Hoddle intends to play with a sweeper - if he can find one. seen doing it was Glenn, "Gor-

NUCLEARRAMITUTES
A N N W O N S
RAND WHIPS DERO
E G A E O N S W
TESTERN NATIVETE
S A D C
ARBUTUS POTSHOT
D E E C D V E R
MANE VALUEY AOME

BUOG VICHAD BUGB A A B B B B BERURASHORDSHUN

A E B O M I I I A

Accountant retained by Lib-eral peer could be invaluable

Put away, prior to a certain

demand we play with a sweeper, and he would go into midfield and give them a problem. There is a player in this country who is possibly ready to do that."
Venables had suggested Gareth Southgate could, was that who they had in mind?

Gareth has done magnificently, he has been a real bonus hut there might be another guv in the squad, lurking," Gorman replied, "Almost every player who goes into that position has been a midfielder. It might be a younger player.

"It does not have to be in

place for the Moldova game, we are looking to the future." Intriguing. As well as South-gate Paul Ince. Sol Campbell

and Gary Neville come to mind. or even Jamie Redknapp.

The Moldova match is on 1 September in Chisinuu where both Wales and Georgia have lost. It is both Hoddle's debut and the first match of the World Cup qualifying campaign. With Italy. Poland and Georgia also in the group England need to win it.

Hoddle has nine weeks and

three Premiership programmes

in which to select his team. Time

constraints mean he is unable

Hoddle has a special incentive to qualify (not that he needs one). France is where he developed his coaching ambi-tions and ideas under the in-Quence of the Monaco coach Arsene Wenger. "It would be fair to say if I had not gone to here today," he said.

"When I went there I didn't really have any desire to stay in the new coach.

management. It was working with him and the formula system that made me think yes, I fan cy putting a few of those ideas down on paper and maybe, one

day, trying them out on a pitch'." Both men said they had learned from Euro 96 with Gorman hinting that Hoddle's preference for attacking full-backs may be adapted after seeing Venables playing the same system with attacking players, like Steve McManaman and Darren Anderton, in those positions.

In the long term, hinted Hoddle, he may bring dieticians, masseurs and other such specialists into the England set-up. First he has to meet Venables' support staff to decide if any are to stay on. The only certainty is Don Howe who is directly employed by the FA and, in his role of technical co-ordinator, has tasks outside the coaching of the

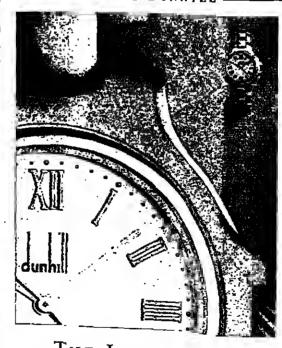
England team. Hoddle will also be tapping Venables' thoughts, the outgoing coach will doubtless pass on the German files on Moldova and Georgia which Berti Vogts promised Venables this week.

[England] were very pleas-... Hoddle said. "From a selfish point of view it may have been easier for me if we had come out of the tournament in the first stages but I wouldn't have wanted that. The increased expectation does not make it harder, success breeds success. The positive vibe Monaco I would not be sitting around the country has got to

be good." The coach is gone. Long live



ALFRED DUNHILL



THE LONDINIUM.

Standers steel and precious wellow metal. Suterostional guarantee Supplier glass. Seess made with quartz moogness.

Available at selected branches of G-O-L-D-S-M-1-T-H-S & WA-LKE-R & HALL

ALTRINCHAM: Walker & Hall, ALTRINCHAM: Water of Trail.

FARNHAM: Biggs, LEICESTER: Goldeniths,
LONGON: Geo. Attenboroughs (Fleet St.), Goldsmiths (Bishapsgate), METRO CENTRE: Northern Goldsmiths NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Reid & lons. NOTTINGHAM: Goldsmiths, READING: Bracher & Sydenham, OTTINGHAM: Goldsmittle, Dealers of Drafter & Sydenham, SHEFFII LD: Walker & Hall, THURROCK: Walker & Hall, TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Geo. Fairer. for a brochure call FREE on 0800 120"33.

Illustrated: Loudinium Watch RRP (42; line VAT)



Saturdan I' Jupe 1996 Registered as a service per with the Pro ! life.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

Lost for words? Turn to the Franklin Bookman' Dictionary and Thesaurus. To proter Frankler products, rang 01752 861500. No. 3026. Saturday 29 June Friday's Solution

ACROSS 1 A fair prospect (6-7) tures (4) 10 Bird enclosure we'd carelessly 25 Take in drug, pungent (5)

entered (7)
26 Bind with contract (4)
11 Land creature quietly making 29 Coal left before fire (7) off (7) 12 Stable's caused reduction in

the odds (4) 13 Mineral for toasting? Pop. with touch of zip (5) t4 Wait for declaration by East

17 Precise US measure applied to Capone (7) 18 Solvent, having reduced cor-

poration! (7) 19 Worked trickery on Edward 5 22 He always wants his own way! 6 Separate species (4)

24 Some have swallow-like fea-

17) 31 Get impure iron changed to DOWN

Left-over cards ultimately dealt (7) Joint sustained, cut about one

condition of first delivery [13]

(4) Ethgy of a deity with beaten gold face of Lares (3-4) Rejected and cur. a sor rurned irritable (71

29 Coal left before fire (7)
Sunday, for grilling (13)
30 Dark truit - extra pound, look
15 Right in the head? Go on!

to Woman managed to raise money among Slavs (5)
20 He gets even with rag after misrepresentation? (7)
21 Withdraw, say, beginning to grieve – being so blue? (4-3)
20 One who knows his station in

life? (7) 23 He operates cade control. avoiding academic (7) 27 Sheet used as veil [4] 28 Pluck string before short cer-Cunning ricket set up around

emony (4)

Virginia (7) Make the longest word you can from SQUDAYEE Yesterday's Scramble: OBJECTIVE

Win a Franklin Bookman Dictionary and Thesaurus worth £100 The first correct solution to this week's puzzle opened next Thursday win a Franklin Bookman Dictionary and Thesaurus worth £100. Answers and the winner's name will be published next Saturday. Send solutions to Saturday Crossword, P. O. Box 4018, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5BL. Please use the box number and postcode and give vnur own postcode. Last week's winner was Dorothy Silverstone, London N3.



together so he will travel to key

players to discuss his aims.
"We have seen Moldova and

Poland once and are due to see Moldova again," Hoddle said.

Hoddle stressed his main aim

was qualifying for France in

1998, not building a team to do

well once there. To that end he

stressed "the door was open" to all, he is likely to use the bulk of Venubles' squad in the early

SUMMER OF SPORT IN TOMORROW'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

'He may not have been the messiah, but he took the mess out of it all'

Ian Ridley on the legacy Terry Venables leaves to Glenn Hoddle Plus: Stan Hey on Dieter Eits; and a whole new board game reliving England's Euro 96 journey

COUNTDOWN TO ATLANTA

IN MONDAY'S 32-PAGE

SPORTS SECTION

In the first of a series of .. supplements looking ahead to the Olympic Games next

month, our

eight-page

pull-out looks back over 100 vears of the modern Olympic

movement. Plus: your chance to win an allexpenses paid trip to Atlanta

DPublished by Newspaper Publishing FLC, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 50L, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St Alban, Road, Wathord and Hollingood Avenue, Oldham. Back issues available from Historic Newspapers, 1810 906609.

(عكذا من الأصل

0 1 0 0